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ITALIANS RETREATING: BRITISH SUCCESSES ON THE SUDAN FRONT

CAIRO, JAN. 19 (REUTER).—FRESH SUCCESSES FOR BRITISH FORCES IN AFRICA WERE ANNOUNCED TO-DAY WITH THE RE-OCCUPATION OF THE STRONGLY-DEFENDED POST OF KASSALA ON THE BORDER OF THE ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SUDAN AND ITALIAN ERITREA, AND THE PURSUIT OF ITALIAN TROOPS WHO ARE "ON THE RUN."

A communique states: "Our troops have re-occupied Kassala. By intensive patrols over a period of a week, our troops at low cost to themselves have inflicted daily casualties on the enemy, who has been forced to evacuate strongly-defended positions in and around Kassala.

"Italian troops all along this front are retreating, pursued and harassed by our mobile detachments."

British pressure on the borders of Abyssinia—inside which Abyssinian patriots are active—continues with "active patrolling in the Metamma region and Gallabat," according to the communique.

Libyan Front Unchanged

It is officially stated that there is no change in the situation in Libya and that there is nothing of importance to report in Kenya.

The Italians occupied Kassala, which actually lies 18 miles north of the Eritrean frontier, in July last. Since November, operations by British and Indian troops have been taking place in the hills north-east of Kassala with a view to threatening the right flank of the Italian force holding Kassala.

R.A.F. Operations

CAIRO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Tobruk, against which the R.A.F. resumed the air offensive on Thurs-

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A WATCH WHICH NEVER LAGS

Britain's watch of the skies never lags. Day and night the skywatchers of anti-aircraft batteries are on duty. Here we see two of the men using night glasses and an identifying telescope. They are the key-men in a system of defence which is becoming increasingly difficult for the Nazi raiders to penetrate.

Thailanders Occupy Towns In Indo-China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Jan. 19 (UP).—A High Command communique states that Thai and French planes exchanged bombing raids on Friday night, while Thai forces on the northeastern frontier occupied Champasuch and Ponthong.

There is nothing to report on the Aranya sector.

A French plane raided Chantaburi on Friday night but the bombs caused no damage.

Thai planes retaliated against military objectives in Indo-China, including the barracks at Packlai. All the planes returned safely.

Meanwhile, the the Ministry of Interior announces that officials have been sent to Aranya to take over the administration in the occupied territories of Indo China.

Burma Rd Bridges Bombed

Sunday Attack By Japanese Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AN INDO-CHINA BASE, Jan. 19 (Domei).—Winging their way deep into Yunnan Province, a formation of Japanese naval bombers to-day bombed the new Kungkuo bridge spanning the Omchu in the upper reaches of the Mekong River.

The Japanese naval aircraft also subjected the tin refineries at Kokiu in southeastern Yunnan Province to severe bombing.

The new Kungkuo bridge is situated about 300 yards downstream from the original suspension span. According to participants in the attack, hits were scored on the bridge, while both the old and the new bridges were apparently out of use as the result of previous bombings.

RECOVERS FROM WOUNDS

Shanghai Man, Well-Known In Hongkong

His many friends here and in Shanghai will be glad to learn that Trooper Jack Sheridan of the 6th. Australian Cavalry, who was recently wounded in the fighting around Bardia, has now completely recovered and is back on duty at the Depot.

Sheridan comes of a well-known Irish family in Shanghai, who have been resident in the Northern port for many years.

It may be recalled that, shortly after the outbreak of the war, the Australian papers carried a story of Sheridan having walked a hundred miles through desert country to join up at the nearest recruiting station.

Relatively Quiet Week-End

Few Nazis Visit Gt. Britain

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Large numbers of raiders to-day approached a south coast town.

Incendiaries were showered on it but fire watchers and others were prepared and many fires were soon extinguished.

Coastal Immunity

LONDON, Jan 19 (Reuter).—There was little German air activity "round our coasts" during to-day, states the Air Ministry.

A single enemy bomber dropped bombs on an east coast town in the morning but the damage was little and casualties were few.

Bomber In Channel

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—After a quiet day, marked only by the shooting down by British fighters of an enemy bomber in the Channel, an alert was sounded in London some time after dark.

A burst of gunfire was heard soon afterwards but a quiet spell followed.

Enemy aircraft were reported near a west England town, a Midlands town and an East Anglian town to-night.

Macao Race Tragedy

H.K. Jockey Thrown And Killed

Mr H. L. Poon, a Hongkong jockey, was fatally injured as a result of an accident in the first race run at Macao yesterday, while Mr F. L. Marcal, another jockey, was seriously injured and now lies in hospital at Macao.

The cause of the accident was a pony named Geordie, which broke away after the start of the race and threw Mr Marcal his rider. The pony then collided with Radium Star, owned and being ridden by Mr Poon. The jockey was heavily thrown and he died late last night in the Macao hospital as a result of internal injuries.

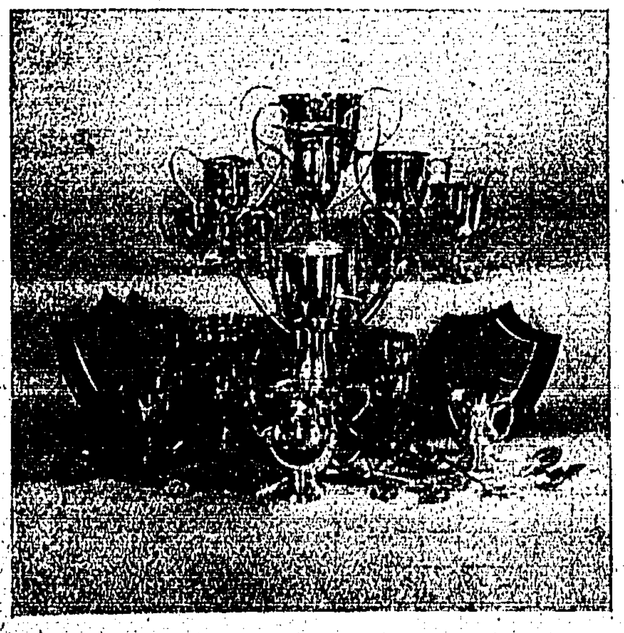
This was the first race in Macao in which the late Mr Poon had taken part.

After the race the Stewards held an enquiry and found that no blame could be attached to anyone for the accident.

It is recalled that Geordie was the pony which once threw Mr G. W. Sewell at Happy Valley.

MORE TROPHIES FOR BOMBER FUND

The 18 cups, two shields, five medals and eight spoons which have been donated to the War Fund by Mr A. W. Salter and his son Mr C. L. Salter. Old silverware; jewellery etc., may be sent to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, J. Ullmann & Co. or Messrs. Sennet Freres, who will melt it down free of charge, and hand the proceeds to the Fund.



LATEST

EUROPEANS HELD BY JAPANESE

Hongkong Vicar In Border Incident

The Rev. H.D. Rosenthal, Mr. A. S. Potter and Miss Hansey, a nurse from the Queen Mary Hospital, were held in Japanese custody from yesterday afternoon until midnight in the garrison post at Shataukok.

The party equipped with hikers' packs had unintentionally wandered over into Chinese territory where they were picked up by Japanese military police and detained at Shataukok while the British authorities were informed.

Major C. V. Boxer, who is attached to the China Command and speaks Japanese fluently, went to the border and conducted negotiations with the Japanese authorities, and explanations were made which the Japanese accepted, and the party later released.

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Petain Receives Pro-Axis Laval Into Favour Again

VICHY, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Marshal Petain received M. Laval yesterday and that all misunderstandings which led to the incidents of December 13, when M. Laval resigned from his post as Vice-Premier, have now been smoothed out.

Two Important Moves

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Two moves of possible far-reaching political significance were reported from Vichy to-day.

They referred firstly to the reported forthcoming meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, and secondly to a conversation between Marshal Petain and his former Foreign Minister, M. Laval.

A Berne dispatch to the "Havas" agency says that according to newspaper reports in the Swiss capital, Hitler has left Berlin for an unknown destination.

The dispatch adds that well-informed sources in Berne state that Mussolini has also left Rome.

Political Sequel

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Axis Bomber Losses In Mediterranean War

("Reuter's" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm have put up such opposition to the German air threat in the Mediterranean that the Luftwaffe, in the short space of eight days, has been forced to change its tactics.

German fighters are now in action besides the Stuka dive-bombers and other bombers also in operation.

These changes are revealed by the Axis High Commands' own versions of the joint air operations. For example, on January 10 Junker 87 dive-bombers were accompanied by Italian torpedo-bombers in an attack on a British convoy in the Sicilian Channel.

On January 15 and 16 heavy raids on Malta were made by Junkers 88 as well as 87 dive-bombers, which were accompanied by Italian fighters.

On January 17 single German bombers, presumably the long-range type, attacked targets in the Suez Canal by night.

Aerodromes Raided

On January 18, German dive-bombers and other bombers again attacked Malta and this time German as well as Italian fighters escorted the raiders.

The objective in the last raid on Malta were the R.A.F. aerodromes. This plan of attack follows that adopted by the Luftwaffe over England last summer after British fighters had forced German dive-bombers to abandon attacks on convoys in the English Channel.

Hurricane fighters shot down five dive-bombers over Malta yesterday. Last Thursday they also destroyed five raiding aircraft while five others fell to anti-aircraft gunners.

In the initial blow at the British Mediterranean Fleet on December 10, the raiding formation was not escorted by fighters. As a result, 12 planes were brought down, chiefly by Fleet Air Arm fighters. Three British warships were hit.

Heavy Blow At Catania

On Sunday night and again later in the week, R.A.F. bombers heavily raided Catania airport in Sicily, one of the Nazi bases. Between 30 and

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San Francisco Anti Nazis

Swastika Ripped Down

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The Police answered "riot calls" when several youths ripped the swastika from the flagstaff of the German Consulate here while a crowd of several thousands blocked the street outside the Consulate.

The flag was unfurled to celebrate the foundation of the Reich in 1871.

Earlier there had been a demand either to remove the swastika or to fly the Stars and Stripes alongside.

Regret Expressed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (UP).—The State Department has expressed regret to the German Embassy over the Swastika flag incident which occurred in San Francisco yesterday.

Palestine's First Night Raid

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The first night air raid on Palestine occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning in bright moonlight.

Two hostile planes dropped bombs on open country in southern Palestine but no damage or casualties were caused.

This is the first raid on Palestine since Haifa was attacked by day on September 29.

Heavy Raids Yesterday On Malta

Two Churches Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MALTA, Jan. 19 (UP).—Spectacular large scale raids were made on Sunday. Fifteen enemy planes were brought down and one British fighter was lost.

There was considerable damage to civilian property.—A 400-year-old church was hit for the second time within 48 hours. Another parish church was also hit.

Meanwhile it is confirmed that seven Junker 87s were brought down by anti-aircraft guns. The Germans dive-bombed and attacked in continuous waves. Three raids were made in quick succession. Government property was damaged and there were a few casualties, but no deaths.

Two British fighters were brought down but the pilot of one was saved before the raider himself was brought down. Anti-aircraft batteries claimed four hits.

Malta Emerges from Blitz

CAIRO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Damage to R.A.F. property in the German air raid on Malta yesterday was not of a serious nature, states an R.A.F. communique issued here.

British fighters which intercepted a large raiding force were greatly outnumbered. Nevertheless, they shot down six of the raiders and badly damaged a number of others.

As announced at Malta, two British fighters were lost but one pilot was saved.

The German aircraft were Junkers 87 and 88 bombers.

Two Dead In Manila Fire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Jan. 19 (UP).—Fire destroyed a two-storey building housing four business establishments in Manila to-day.

A four-year-old Chinese girl, Felisa Tan and Indian salesman, Rai Basarmala, 22 years of age were killed in the blaze.

The loss of property and merchandise is estimated at 702,000 pesos.

Indo-Burma Trade

RANGOON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—It is learned that negotiations for a new Indo-Burma trade agreement will commence at New Delhi on February 1.

The Burmese delegation will be led by the Premier.

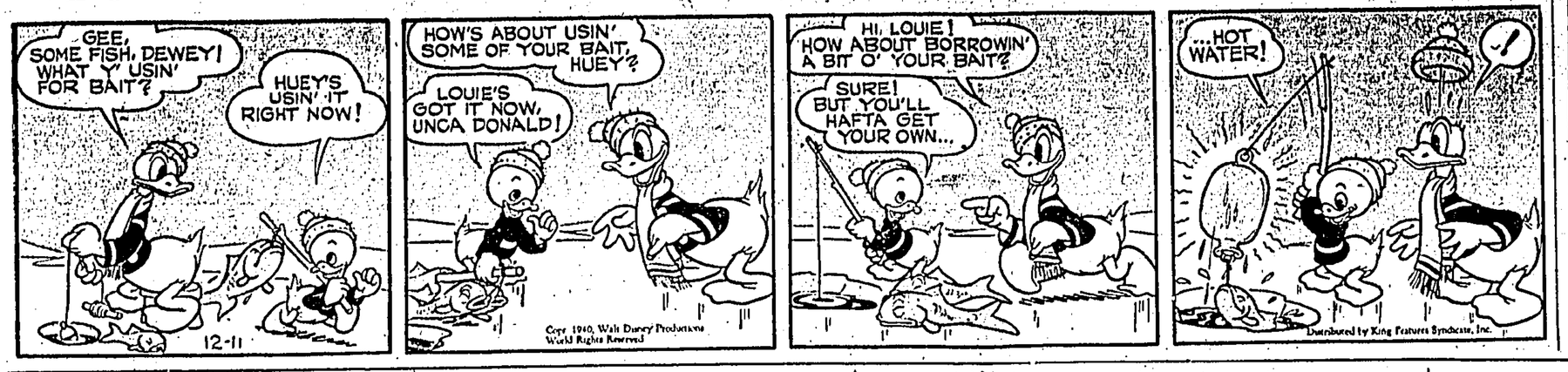
Vichy Will Not Give In To Thailand Claims

VICHY, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—France is determined to defend the integrity of Indo-China, declares "Le Temps," commenting on fighting between French and Thai troops on the Indo-China border.

The newspaper declares that Thai's attempt to "realise her territorial claims" cannot be justified either historically or by legal right based on treaties, and adds that "Thai must not think that France, though conquered, will give up everything. Indo-China is being defended and will be defended in all circumstances, whatever they may be."

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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1.13 Musical Comedy Selections.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
7.0 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour.'
7.30 Compositions of Elgar.
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Studio—Special Centenary Programme.
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Interspersed with Recitals by:
Elvie Yuen (Soprano), Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor), Y. K. Sze (Bass), and E. O'Neil Shaw (Piano); Arthur Nobbins (Baritone).
11.0 Close down.
The News from London will be relayed as usual between 9.0 and 9.30 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

The attention of all persons or firms holding stocks of Hydrocarbon Oils of any type in the Colony is drawn to Government Notification No. 54 published under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance on January 16th., 1941.

The effect of this order is that any stocks held in the Colony become liable to duty and holders of such stocks in amounts exceeding 1,000 gallons are requested to report the existence of these stocks to me within 7 days.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Superintendent of Imports and Exports.
18th January, 1941.

DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

The attention of all owners of soda fountains is drawn to an order published to-day under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance. The effect of this order is that soda fountains become factories under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance. Owners of soda fountains are requested to register their premises within 7 days.

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NOTICE

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G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Rural Building Lot No. 441.	Island Road, near Stanley.	as per sale plan.				About 15,700	$150	$3,925

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2	Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 7.	Castle Peak.	as per sale plan.				About 54,450	$250	$4,723

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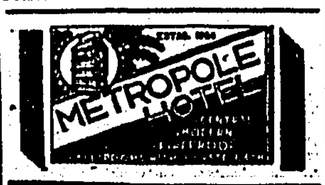
3	Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 8.	Castle Peak.	as per sale plan.				About 54,450	$250	$4,723

The wedding took place at the Registry on Saturday, before Mr T. S. Whyte-Smith Registrar, of Mr James Percival Whitham, insurance manager, and Miss Beatrice Lenola Brouwer, secretary, of 4 St John's Apartments. The witnesses were Messrs A. E. Southard and W. G. Pirie.



Bomber Fund Flag Day Sales

Money Comes Pouring In

The Bomber Fund Flag Day, on Saturday, was a great success, and it is probable that nearly $10,000 has been received from the street sales.

The demand for flags exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Hongkong War Effort Committee, the majority of sellers disposing of their "bomber badges" before 9.30 a.m. Flags were rushed back from some of the outlying districts in order to help cope with the city rush, and a few ladies were thus enabled to continue selling until shortly before noon.

That the public responded generously was indicated by the number of five and ten dollar notes, the highest contribution being one of one hundred dollars. Foreign currencies were represented by U.S. Gold dollars, Sterling, pesos, piastres and Japanese coinage. There was also an English postal-order. It was estimated by the checkers that silver and copper coinage weighed well over two hundredweight. The response from Kowloon was especially good.

The task of opening the boxes and checking the contents was in charge of Mr J. A. Ritchie (who was responsible for the organisation of the Flag Day) assisted by Mr A. Seth and Mrs Brostedt and a staff of Chinese helpers.

Several boxes have yet to come in from outlying districts, but the preliminary check indicates that between $9,000 and $10,000 has been raised for the Bomber Fund. On account of the bulk of the collection, the money was placed in Police custody over the week-end. Fully $5,700 was received in the form of banknotes.

Flag sellers were drawn from the Nursing Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, the Women's Section of the Air Raids Precaution Department, whose green uniforms were very prominent at the Ferry wharves and at main street crossings, and members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service. They all worked enthusiastically for the cause.

War Fund Raffle

The special raffle which is being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee to raise money for the purchase of bombers, promises to establish a record, judging from the offers of additional prizes which are being received from leading firms and individuals.

In the meantime, the office which has been placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Star Ferry Company, is busily engaged with the preliminary work, and hopes to be able to announce further particulars shortly. The whole of the work is being done voluntarily, and no charge whatever will be levied against the Fund.

Former Resident Passes On

Mr Harold Green

Many residents of the Colony will learn with regret of the death of Mr Harold Green, former Superintendent of the Hongkong Botanical and Forestry Department, who passed away in England on January 14 after a sudden operation. News to this effect was received by cable on Saturday, but no further details are known. As a mark of respect for Mr Green and of appreciation of his services to Hongkong, the office of the Botanical and Forestry Department is closed to-day.

Mr Green left for Home on leave prior to retirement in July 1937, and a few months later Mr F. Filippance was appointed his successor. Prior to his departure, Mr. Green was guest of honour at a cocktail party in the Hongkong Hotel given by the Committee of the Horticultural Society, of which he had been a member for a number of years, and was presented with a suitably inscribed silver cigar box; and a fortnight later was given a farewell party by his staff and employees of his Department, and later a Chinese dinner, in token of the esteem with which he was held by them. Over a hundred gathered at the party, including Chinese who had come from all parts of the New Territories.

Retiring at the age of fifty, when Government authorised a reduction of the term of qualification by five years, Mr Green looked forward to a long period of rest after his 26 years' service, and with Mrs Green and their young son and daughter, had settled down in the country within easy reach of London and Kew Gardens, where he had so many early ties.

MEDICAL RELIEF TERRITORIES ASSOCIATION FIGURES FOR LAST YEAR

During 1940, the New Territories Relief Association attended 144,983 cases, of which 93,743 were new ones and 1,542 were maternity cases. Of the total number, 958 were sent to hospital.

Doctors attended 15,915 cases and paid 2,503 visits to homes, while Government doctors attended 583 cases. During the same period, 15,001 persons were vaccinated; and 6,201 malaria cases were treated.

The Ambulance attached to the Haw Par Accident Station attended 1,890 calls and carried 1,649 patients. It covered 13,700 miles. The outpatients' department dealt with 9,005 new cases and 4,322 old cases.

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NO EVACUEES RETURNING

A British ship arrived from Australia on Saturday with one passenger, Mrs E. B. Booten, from Manila. No passengers boarded the ship from Australian ports for Hongkong.

Asked if they knew anything about a number of Hongkong evacuees returning to the Colony, the ship's officers said they knew nothing about it.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Consisting of animal life
5—Not costly
10—Epic narrative
14—Same name (obsolete)
15—River in France
16—Baby-carriage (col.)
17—Inert gas
18—Ancient Roman language
19—Portion
20—Ask advice of
22—Lip-sounds
24—Follow as consequence
26—Milk
27—Meeting place
30—Untidy women
35—Holds tightly
37—Arabian name
38—Bench
39—Rodent
40—Drinks frequently
43—Large bird
44—Middle of March
45—Form of matter
47—Waited upon
49—Publicly accuses
52—Vibrating units in certain musical instruments
53—Girl's name
54—Removes
56—Ungrateful one
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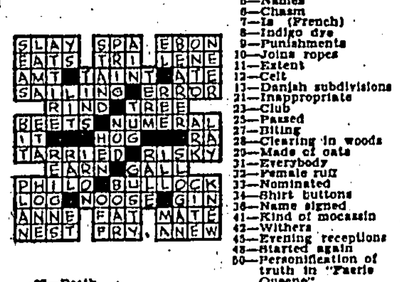

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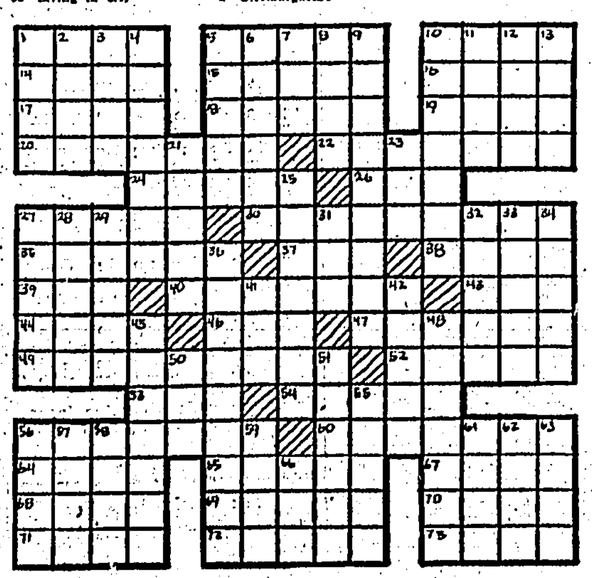


POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 15th January. .....Jan. 22.
Australia and Manila .....Jan. 22.
Canton .....Jan. 22.
Java and Manila .....Jan. 23.
Sandakan .....Jan. 23.
United Kingdom and Straits Jan. 25.
Calcutta and Straits .....Jan. 25.
Swatow .....Jan. 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 10th January) .....Jan. 28.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st January .....Jan. 28.
Calcutta and Straits .....Jan. 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (San Francisco date 17th January) .....Feb. 8.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 20

Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourence Marques, and South Africa via Durban .....2.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels, ...Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
Letters, ...Jan. 21, 8.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Manila, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney.
K. P. O.
Parcels .....Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
Reg. .....Jan. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels .....Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
Reg. .....Jan. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 21, 7.00 p.m.
Haiphong .....3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 22, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 22, 7.00 p.m.
Canton .....7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways." .....
Kowloon P. O.
Reg., ...Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 23, 6.00 p.m.
Straits .....7.00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 24

Formosa .....3.30 p.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 24, 4 p.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and United-Kingdom.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels, ...Jan. 24, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., ...Jan. 25, 9.45 a.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 25, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and *United Kingdom via San Francisco
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg., ...Jan. 25, 5 p.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 28, 6.30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26

Sandakan, Madang, Salamaun, Rabaul and Tulagi .....8.30 a.m.
Canton .....5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 28, 11 a.m.
Rangoon and Calcutta .....Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and South Africa .....Noon.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg., ...Jan. 28, 11.15 a.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 28, Noon.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."
K.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 28, Noon.
Ord., ...Jan. 28, Noon.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 28, Noon.
Ord., ...Jan. 28, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30

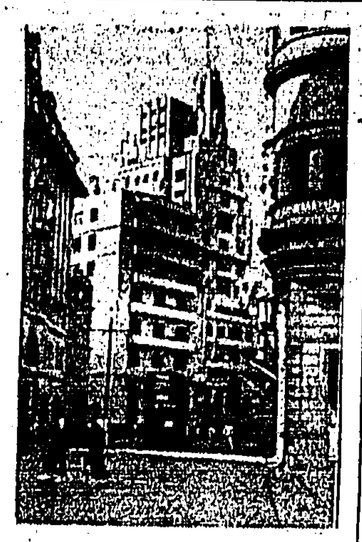
Sandakan .....8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta
Parcels .....Jan. 30, 11 a.m.
Letters.....Jan. 30, Noon.

Friday, Jan. 31

Sandakan .....8.30 a.m.
*Superscribed Correspondence Only.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees



Sunday

January 12

Temperature Drops. The cold snap which descended on the Colony to-day made the day one if the coldest this winter, which except for one or two days, has so far been comparatively mild.

There was a drop of eight degrees compared with Saturday's maximum figure of 69 degrees. The Minimum recorded yesterday was 59.1 degrees at 7 p.m. The temperature then rose a few points towards midnight, though still remaining below 60. Yesterday's maximum was 65 degrees.

A steady rainfall during the greater part of the day made conditions unpleasant, and many sporting fixtures had to be cancelled. In the 12 hours ended at 10.30 p.m. to-day 0.335 inch of rain fell.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

Then there are the office bums who think you've got matches to burn.

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Lord Lloyd, Colonial Secretary, is likely to become Lord Chancellor. Then our husbands can start all over again!

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"Revolting Abyssinians," says a poster. Tut, tut! Surely all men are equal and brothers (barring the Axis Powers)?

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The wife isn't coming out with me in the car for a while. She caught a cold and can't drive above a whisper.

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Government has now limited the premium on saam-foon-looks to 1%. And that's going to cause a weeping, wailing and gnashing of abacusses.

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In Baseball they keep account of the performances of every player on the field. Reminding us thint the game came from the United Statistates.

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And next time the Society for the Protection of Children has a Flower Day, it might remember that babies and flowers are supposed to be things of beauty and joys forever.

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A reader writes to beg that we stop printing the Women's Page and the Sports Page back to back. Homes are being wrecked: the breakfast wrangle is liable to keep up all day. It might be worse: there might be a comic strip.

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Now there's a War Fund plan for a war memorial park, a mile square, each subscriber to buy a square yard at $1 and have his name on a tablet. That means three million names—to be carved, printed or cast. Wouldn't it be more profitable to invite the public to the Bothnic Gardens and let 'em carve their own names on a tree at a dollar a time? Or would the community prefer another War Memorial Hospital?

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Mary had a pair of skates
Went on the ice to frisk.
Wasn't she a silly girl
Her little

• • •

A young ensign, very insistent he must have leave, was asked the reason by his commanding officer. "My wife is expecting a baby," he replied.

"Listen, young man, remember this—you are only necessary at the laying of the keel. For the launching you are entirely superfluous."

Former Governor's Son Weds. The marriage took place at St Peter's, Lhapsfield, Surrey, of Flying Officer Cresswell Montagu Clementi, R.A.F. V.R., only son of Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi, of Holmer Court, Holmer Green, Bucks, and Miss Susan Pelham, youngest daughter of Sir Henry and the Hon. Lady Pelham, of Currant Hill, Westerham. The Rev. E. A. Newman and the Rev. C. Steer officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin with a train of old family lace and a headdress of orange-blossom. Her pearl necklace was a gift of the bridegroom and she carried a sheaf of Harrisii lilies. Patrick Sandars (nephew of the bride) was the only child attendant and he wore long white velvet trousers with a satin shirt and carried a wand with a sprig of white heather tied to the top. The grown-up attendants were Miss Jean Edwards and Miss A. Clementi (sister of the bridegroom). They wore picture frocks of white velvet with headdresses of eucharist lilies, and their bouquets were of eucharist lilies and gold leaves. Mr Ronald Atkin was best men. The reception was held at Hoskyns Arms, Oxted.

Sir Cecil Clementi was formerly Governor of Hongkong and his children are well remembered here.

Monday

January 13

Bomber Fund Raffle. The Hongkong War Effort Committee has been fortunate in securing the voluntary services of Mr S. A. Seth in connection with the Monster Raffle now being organised in aid of the Bomber Fund. Mr Seth, who is a chartered secretary well known throughout the Far East generally, will supervise the issuing of tickets and the accounting work. The office previously used by the Hongkong Travel Bureau on the Star Ferry Wharf, Connaught Road, has been placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Company, and tickets will only be issued to sellers, Clubs, etc., from this centre.

There is a considerable amount of preliminary work to be completed before tickets will be offered to the public, both with regard to the printing of the tickets, account books and other necessary items, and in the preparation of the prize list. Many firms have come forward and offered valuable prizes in addition to the Sunbeam-Talbot Sports Car given by Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd, and it is hoped to publish an advance list within the next few days.

Police Launch In Gun Duel. The No. 1 Police Launch on Sunday engaged three junks in Mirs Bay and, following a firing duel the crews, believed to be pirates, ran their vessels ashore and took to the hills.

A British destroyer was despatched to the scene of the fighting about 7 p.m. the same day, but it is not known if she took part in the fighting.

The Police are confident that the men are part of the gang which made an organised attack on Ping Chau Island last week, taking away considerable loot and 200 elders and merchants who are being held for ransom.

The Police launch arrived at Taipo early this morning with three pirate junks in tow, the pirates having made good their escape.

The pirates were previously reported to have been well equipped with modern small arms so they would be able to put some show against the Police launch which carries a small cannon forward.

Colony's Chess. K. M. A. Barnett, Colony Chess champion, is not defending his title. Entries for the Senior Chess Championship are C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, E. Zimmern, K. Weiss, L. Karpovich and G. S. Coxhead. Zimmern, it will be recalled, was runner-up last year to Barnett.

Considerable progress has been made in the Senior and Junior Championships of the Kowloon Chess Club. The two events are each divided into "A" and "B" Sections, and section winners will play the best of three games to decide the titles.

The field is fairly open in the "A" Section of the Senior Championship where both Sequeira and Karprovich have scored 5½ points each, although the former has a game in hand. In the "B" Section it looks very much like a victory for Carvalho, who has 6½ points in eight games, Biriukoff, his nearest rival, having scored 5 points in nine games.

V. V. Kolatchoff and J. Grefalda are vieing of for honours in the "A" section of the Junior Championship, while S. Benjamin, who has obtained 6 points in seven games, look a certain winner of "B" section.

To Aid China War Work. Two young men who graduated from the University of Hongkong last year have answered the call for volunteer doctors by the Chinese Red Cross Medical Relief Corps, which is the field organisation of the Chinese Red Cross, and will be leaving for the Red Cross Headquarters in Kweiyang shortly with a quantity of medical supplies. They will be working under the direction of Dr Robert Lim.

The volunteers are Dr G. M. Abraham, son of Mr R. Abraham, well-known local sharebroker; and Dr Ho Hung-chiu, grandson of Sir Robert Ho Tung. They are being financed by the Hongkong University Union Chinese Medical Relief Association.

Another volunteer, Dr T. F. Kok, is also expected to leave for the interior of China shortly on war relief work.

The recent bombing of Waichow by the Japanese, when the Catholic Hospital was destroyed and about 500 people wounded or killed, has resulted in Dr Andrew Sporrer being sent to Waichow by the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China. Dr Sporrer left Hongkong on Sunday, and it is possible that he may be assisted by Drs Abraham and Ho when they pass through Waichow on their way to Kweiyang.

Other Hongkong University graduates who are now connected with the Chinese Red Cross in the interior are Dr K. K. Cheng, Dr Eva Ho Tung, and Dr Sze.

Tuesday

January 14

Ferries Collide And Sink. Prompt action by Sergeant Medley of No. 7 Police Launch probably prevented any loss of life when two ferries belonging to the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Co., Ltd, collided in the harbour-at-12.25-p.m.

The ferries were the Man Shing, proceeding from Kowloon City to Hongkong with about 100 passengers, and the Man Ping, en route to Hunghom from Hongkong with about 50 passengers. The accident occurred near Holt's Wharf when the two ferries tried to avoid hitting a sampan, the Man Shing's bow crashing into the starboard side of the Man Ping.

Apart from the crew of the sampan, who were taken to Kowloon Hospital suffering from the effects of immersion, no persons have been reported drowned or injured.

Evacuation Test Case. An action to test the legality of the regulation prohibiting British women from coming to Hongkong was brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court to-day when Mabel Evelyn Blair, of Broadwood Road, cited as defendants Hon. Mr G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, and Mr E. C. Luscombe, Acting Superintendent of Police.

The writ of summons stated the plaintiff's claims to be:—

(a) for a declarantion that Regulation No. 3 of Defence (Entry Restrictions) Regulations, so far as it applies to British subjects resident in the Colony, is *ultra vires*, void and of no effect;

(b) alternatively, a declaration that the defendants have no power under Regulation No. 6 (b) of the said Regulations to compel the plaintiff to leave the Colony against her will;

(c) an injunction to restrain the defendants or any police officer authorised by the first defendant from taking action against the plaintiff under the said regulations;

(d) such further or other relief as shall be just; and (e) costs.

Hon. Mr Leo d'Almada, Jnr, instructed by E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co., appeared for plaintiff, and defendants were represented by Mr H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. W. Davies, Crown Solicitor.

The Chief Justice reserved his judgment, but stated that owing to the importance of the issues he would deliver his decision in writing on January 21.

Review Of The Principal Topics January 12 To Jan. 18

Wednesday

January 15

League Badminton. Four matches were played in "B" Division of the Badminton League to-night, most notable results being the victories of St John's and Kowloon Cricket Club.

Following were the scores:

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Chung Wah by 9 games to 1.

A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.) lost to C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy 9—21; lost to P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21—23; lost to F. S. Li and S. C. Liang 5—21.

L. Landau and A. Odell (J.H.C.) lost to Chiu and Choy 5—21; lost to Leung and Chiu 16—21; lost to Li and Liang 10—21.

B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.) lost to Chiu and Choy 5—21; lost to Leung and Chiu 12—21; beat Li and Liang 21—9.

Playing at home, Kowloon Tong lost to St John's by 6 games to 3.

Peter Lo and Joe Tsang (Kowloon Tong) lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 18—21; beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21—9; lost to H. Eardley and D. Kwok 4—21.

J. A. Chen and N. A. E. Mackay (Kowloon Tong) lost to Smith and Wilson 5—21; beat Maynard and Ladd 21—8; lost to Eardley and Kwok 3—21.

R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong) lost to Smith and Wilson 16—21; beat Maynard and Ladd—21—7; lost to Eardley and Kwok 3—21.

At King's Park Recreio beat Victoria Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2.

P. P. Botelho and K. A. Yvanovich Jr (Recreio) lost to D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn 22—24; beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21—13; beat F. Castro and A. A. Remedios 21—13.

E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio) beat Xavier and Rumjahn 21—16; beat Basto and Soares 21—3; beat Castro and Remedios 21—8.

A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio) lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 16—21; beat Basto and Soares 21—11; beat Castro and Remedios 21—17.

Kowloon Cricket Club beat St Andrew's by 5 games to 4.

A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St Andrew's lost to A. E. P. Guest and D. Hazell, 16-21; lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat H. S. Jones and J. L. Anderson, 21-14.

T. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St Andrew's) beat Guest and Hazell, 21-18; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 10-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-15.

M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St Andrew's) lost to Guest and Hazell, 21-13; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-14.

Former Resident Wounded. A former Hongkong resident, Mr John Greaves, who enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at the outbreak of war, was among the Empire troops that took part in the recent fighting in the Western Desert.

News has just been received in the Colony that he was injured in action on Chrsitmas Eve.

Born in Shanghai, young John Greaves is the eldest son of the late Mr Cecil K. Greaves, who was a member of the firm of A. S. Watson and Co. in the northern port for more than 30 years. He studied at the Shanghai Public School, and played football regularly for Erin Villa and the Shanghai Recreation Club.

Coming to Hongkong in 1937, he joined the "Hongkong Daily Press" and later M. Beraha and Co., and left for Australian in 1939.

Mr Greaves has a brother, two sisters and other relations in the Colony.

THE "CUP THAT CHEERS" AT THE K.C.C.

A late night and a heavy day was the lot of the K.C.C. Entertainments Sub-Committee over the New Year, and after they had finished their task of carrying through a first-rate carnival dance and then a special tea and concert for the kiddies, the members of the committee sat down to enjoy a quiet cup of tea. Here they are caught by the "Telegraph's" cameraman: Messrs. F. Burch, Vic Labrum, Teddy Fincher, Captain Cecil Houghton and Mr Tommy Carr.

Thursday

January 16

The 1941-42 Budget.—A new tax on table waters and further increases in rates and in the duties on heavy oils, liquors, entertainment and estates and increased postage rates to meet part of anticipated deficit of roughly $7,500,000 for the coming year were mentioned by the Hon Mr H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary, at a meeting of the Legislative Council to-day, when he introduced the draft estimates of expenditure for 1941-42. These taxes, he said, would yield approximately $3,000,000 and to meet the remaining deficit he suggested an increase in war taxation, for which purpose it was proposed that the War Revenue Committee be re-constituted to re-examine the matter.

Government entered the year 1940 with a general reserve of $17,001,170 and a public debt of $27,000,000. Most of the reserve had already been expended as advances in anticipation of loans, and the real reserve now amounted to about $7,000,000.

The estimated expenditure for the coming year amounts in all to $62,309,776, inclusive of $12,300,274 specially classed as war expenditure, while the estimated revenue is about $54,836,000—$45,536,000 from ordinary sources and $9,300,000 from war taxation.

In framing the estimates, said Mr Butters, there had been two major considerations—defence and social services. The major items in the defence budget for next year are $4,000,000 for the construction of air raid shelters and $3,220,000 for the building of vessels to be presented to the Admiralty and War Department.

As regards social services which, the Financial Secretary submitt d, must not be allowed to lag behind nor even to stand still, the estimates include provisions for a Fisheries Research Station, an Experimental Agricultural Station in the New Territories, the daily collection of nightsoil from the tenements in the urban area by labour directly employed by the Sanitary Department, an Infectious Diseases Hospital, a new mortuary and disinfection station in Kowloon, a new block for the Central Police Station, and new Police Stations at Kowloon Tong and Blue Pool Road.

New Duties.—New and increased duties on liquor and fuel oil were announced in *Government Gazettes Extraordinary* today. The new duties, which came into force yesterday, are as follows, with the old ones in brackets:

Liqueurs, Champagne and other sparkling wines.—Empire origin, $10 ($14.25); other origin, $20 (same).

Brandy.—Empire origin, $16 (0.25); other origin, $24 ($20).

Gin, Whisky and other spirituous liquors.—Hongkong origin, $16 (free); Empire origin, $16 ($12.50); other origin, $24 ($20).

Port, Sherry and Maderia.—Empire origin, $10 ($7.50); other origin, $15 ($12).

Other still wines.—Empire origin, $8 ($6.25); other origin, $12 (10).

Cider and Perry.—Empire origin, $1 (80 cents); other origin, $1.50 (80 cents).

Concentrated Beer in whatever form, whether ale basis, or malt and hops concentrate, or otherwise.—Hongkong origin, 90 cents (60 cents); Empire origin, $1.20 (90 cents); other origin, $1.60 ($1).

Other Beer, except Cider and Perry, not exceeding 1.055 degrees original gravity. Hongkong origin, 90 cents (70 cents); Empire origin, $1.20 (same); other origin, $1.60 (same).

Chinese type liquor.—Hongkong origin, $2 ($1.50); Empire origin, $2 ($1.75); other origin, $3 ($1.75).

Sake.—Hongkong origin, $2 ($1.50); Empire origin, $2 ($1.50); other origin $3 ($1.50).

Liquors other than intoxicating liquors but excluding spirits of wine or arrack.—Hongkong origin, $2 ($1.50); Empire origin, $2 ($1.50); other $3 ($1.50).

Spirits of wine or arrack.—Hongkong origin, $2; Empire origin, $2; Other origin, $3.

Hydrocarbon Oils.—New duties on hydrocarbon oils are.—Lights oils, 55 cents, (60 cents); Heavy oils to be used as fuel for any heavy oil road traffic, 40 cents (30 cents); other hydrocarbon oils, 10 cents (free).

Table Waters.—A new duty of 24 cents per gallon is imposed on table waters, which includes any aerated waters and any beverages sold or kept for sale in bottles, other than syrups or other liquids intended to be consumed only in a diluted form.

Putting Stop To Nuisance.—Moving the first reading of "A Bill to amend the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919," at to-day's, meeting of the Legislative Council, the Attorney General the Hon. Mr C. G. Alabaster, said: The object of this Bill is to put an end to a nuisance which is explained in the Memorandum of Object and Reasons. The practice of block-booking is well-known throughout the world, and in many places it is more convenient for customers to buy their tickets at an agency than to travel some distance and wait at the entrance of a theatre till the booking office is open. But here, as explained in the final paragraph of the Memorandum, it has become a racket and something more than a ramp; it has resulted in several assaults on members of the public and even in a street murder outside a theatre.

It has a very distant connection with finance as well, because under the Entertainment Tax Ordinance, the tax varies with the price paid for admission, and the price paid for admission when paid to these touts is never the price on which we can base the entertainment tax.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Entertainment Tax.—The Attorney General also moved the first reading of "A Bill to amend the Entertainments Tax Ordinance, 1930."

He said, This is in substitution of the Bill which was read at the end of last year and passed its first reading only. It is to the same effect except that it reduces cents. Under the Ordinance it is 20 cents, and it was proposed under the earlier Bill to reduce it to 17 cents. It is now proposed to reduce the price to four cents so that this Council, when it passes the resolution, will have a free hand to tax any admission price from five cents upwards.

Seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill was read a first time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the following Bill was passed through its final stages: "A Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance 1912."

Resolution Of Loyalty.—A resolution, renewing the expression of the Colony's loyalty to the Throne on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, was moved by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, at a meeting of the Legislative Council to-day.

His Excellency said, "With the approval of the Council I propose that the following message be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for transmission to His Majesty the King, timing it so that if he graciously pleases to send us a reply we should get it in time for the centenary celebrations. The form of the resolution I suggest is 'That the Legislative Council of this Colony, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Colony's foundation, humbly renews the expression of its loyalty to the Throne, and its devotion to the Empire's cause.'" (Applause).

The Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson: I have very great pleasure in seconding that.

The Hon. Mr M. K. Lo: On behalf of my Chinese colleagues and myself, I desire most respectfully to associate ourselves with the resolution.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Friday

January 17

Hongkong Wedding. Cream satin cut on simple lines, with a bodice and sleeves of cream Nottingham lace, was the lovely wedding gown worn by Miss Elsie Jean Lammert to-day when she became the bride of Mr Harold Denison Bidwell at St Joseph's Church. Her tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, and for a bouquet she carried a sheaf of arum lilies.

The Rev. Fr G. Byrne officiated, and the Rev. Fr A. Riganti was at the organ, with Miss Elvie Yuen as soloist.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. E. Lammert of Hongkong. Owing to the evacuation scheme Mrs Lammert and her youngest daughter were unable to attend the ceremony, as they are in Australia.

The bridegroom is the only son of Mrs Bidwell and the late Mr G. S. V. Bidwell, of No. 48 Tunsin Road, Shanghai. Mrs Bidwell was also unable to attend the ceremony as (in view of the evacuation scheme) she was not able to obtain a permit to enter the Colony.

Miss Isa Lammert, the bride's sister, was the bridesmaid, and wore a frock of blue crepe with three-quarter sleeves embroidered with silver beads. Her Juliet cap was also embroidered with silver beads and was trimmed with a shoulder-length veil. Pastel shades of sweet peas composed her bouquet.

Mr L. F. Lammert gave his daughter away, while Mr H. van Leeuwen, of the Java-China-Japan-Lijn acted as best man. A largely attended reception was held later in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel. Mrs Bidwell changed into a mulberry toned wool dress and jacket with brown accessories when the happy couple left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay.

Fire-Watchers for H.K. The formation of a new body, 3,000 strong, as fire-watchers and fire-fighters, was announced by the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, to-day. He also appealed for 400 volunteers to act as tunnel wardens in the air raid tunnel shelters.

The scheme for the formation of the new body was to group a number of houses together, and to get the inhabitants to supply the necessary men to form a party who will be able to tackle any fires caused by incendiaries at once, and to prevent a big outbreak.

"The organisation for obtaining these men has not yet been completed, but is now being worked out," said Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins. "I am confident I shall have as good a response as I have had for other A.R.P. services.

"It is also necessary to organise about 400 men and women who will be employed as tunnel wardens and be responsible for seeing that passages are kept clear, that people are moved into the tunnels, and only the necessary number compatible with safety are allowed inside."

Any man or woman wishing to join this force, known as the Fire-Watchers' Corps or Tunnel Wardens' Corps, is asked to send his or her name and address to the A.R.P. Headquarters as soon as possible.

Anderson Shelters

Wind-Comdr Steele-Perkins also announced that many more Anderson shelters are now available for sale to the general public. The shelters cost $145 each, but intending purchasers will have to pay the cost of transport from Kowloon to their place of residence.

Hongkong Man Missing. Pilot Officer W. E. Peers, well known Hongkong resident, is at present missing, according to a cable from the Air Ministry received in Hongkong to-night. The cable said Pilot Officer Peers was reported missing during enemy action on the night of January 15-16.

Pilot Officer Peers, who was familiarly known as "Andy," was a member of the staff of the Hongkong Electric Company until shortly after the war began when he volunteered for service in the R.A.F. He was a prominent rugby player.

Mrs Peers, his wife, who is still in Colony, is at present indisposed.

Education report due to a further influx of both Chinese and Europeans brought about by unsettled conditions in China, the maximum enrolment in all classes of schools in 1939 reached a new record of 118,193, an increase of 14,059 over the enrolment of the previous year, which was itself a record, according to the annual report of the Education Department tabled before the Legislative Council on Thursday.

The report disclosed that discipline was good in all schools, but in some there was still too much passive listening. As regards the health of the pupils, dental disease formed the largest group of defects, with short sight next in frequency.

Another £2,000 for Bombers. A cheque for $32,000.81, being the equivalent of £2,000 was handed to the Hongkong Government this morning for telegraphic transfer to the British Government. This makes the 17th. instalment remitted to London from the War Fund inaugurated by "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph" for the purchase of bombers. At 4 p.m. yesterday, the Fund had reached a total of $1,545,525.66, the Sterling total remitted to London now stands at £96,389-19-0.

Saturday

January 18

Centenary Celebrations. The Centenary celebrations of Hongkong began shortly after eight o'clock to-night with broadcast talks by community leaders from ZBW, headed by an address by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-Geeneral E. F. Norton.

His Excellency reviewed the progress and development of the Colony during the last hundred years, referred briefly to the growth of London as an industrial centre and drew an analogy between the two trade centres, pointing out that both had the same geographical advantages, and that the Chinese, who had contributed so much in the development of Hongkong, had the same qualities of business acumen and integrity which enabled the Englishman to develop London to its pre-eminent position in world commerce.

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall followed with a talk on "Anglo-Chinese Co-operation—Past, Present and Future" in which he dwelt at length on the great industrial potential of the Colony, and the spirit of healthy and friendly rivalry that exisied between the British and Chinese in all spheres of public life.

League Cricket. Heavy drizzle interfered with to-day's League and friendly Cricket fixtures four of the seven games being abandoned after half an hour's play, and one game not being started at all. The only matches played without interruption were the two between Recreio and University in the First and Second divisions.

The Civil Service versus Police game at Happy Valley was not started at all, while on a neighbouring ground in 20 minutes' play the Indian R.C. Seniors scored 41 for one, K. M. Rumjahn being bowled by Ismail for 6 and A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar being undefeated with 18 and 9, respectively, against Craigengower.

The Army started their innings against Kowloon C.C. at Sookunpoo, in a friendly game, and had scored 25 for 2 when play was stopped by a heavy drizzle.

In another friendly on the I.R.C. ground between the Indian juniors and Royal Engineers, Ratcliffe of the Sappers had scored 20 not out, when the game had to be abandoned.

Skipworth was bowled by Baker for a "duck" and Alec Pearce and Allison were batting for Hongkong Cricket Club against Royal Artillery, at Chater Road, when rain stopped play.

Bomber Fund Flag Day. The Bomber Fund Flag Day was a great success, and it is probable that nearly $10,000 has been received from the street sales.

The demand for flags exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Hongkong War Effort Committee, the majority of sellers disposing of their "bomber badges" before 9.30 a.m. Flags were rushed back from some of the outlying districts in order to help cope with the city rush, and a few ladies were thus enabled to continue selling until shortly before noon.

That the public responded generously was indicated by the number of five and ten dollar notes, the highest contribution being one of one hundred dollars. Foreign currencies were represented by U.S. Gold dollars, Sterling pesos, piastres and Japanese coinage. There was also an English postal-order. It was estimated by the checkers that silver and copper coinage weighed well over two hundredweight. The response from Kowloon was specially good.

The task of opening the boxes and checking the contents was in charge of Mr J. A. Ritchie (who was responsible for the organisation of the Flag Day, assisted by Mr A. Seth and Mrs Brostedt and a staff of Chinese helpers.

Several boxes have yet to come in from outlying districts but the preliminary check indicates that between $9,000 and $10,000 has been raised for the Bomber Fund. On account of the bulk of the collection, the money was placed in Police custody over the week-end. Fully $5,700 was received in the form of bnnknotes.

Flag sellers were drawn from the Nursing Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, the Women's Section of the Air Raids Precaution Department, whose green uniforms were very prominent at the Ferry wharves and at main street crossings, and members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service. They all worked enthusiastically for the cause.

League Football. To-day's results in the Hongkong Football League were as follows:

First Division

Police	2	Club	1
Eastern	2	South China	3
*Middlesex		*Kowloon	
Kwong Wah	4	Navy	1
Royal Scots	1	Sing Tao	5

Second Division

South China	5	Police	3
Navy	3	Club	2
R.A.O.C.	1	30th R.A.	2

Third Division

R.E.	0	R.A.F.	3
35th R.A.	2	Shell	2
R.A.M.C.	3	A.S.A.	1
*24th R.A.		*20th R.A.	
7th R.A.	4	International	2
Signals	3	12th R.A.	2

Junior Shield

Royal Scots	1	Chinese A.S.C.	4
Middlesex	3	R.A.S.C.	0
Engineers	0	Kowloon	0

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MASKS AND FACES

THE subterranean night life that has been imposed upon many people in Britain's large towns has compelled the medical profession to give attention to new or semi-new means of combating the spread of disease in shelters during the winter months.

The use of face masks to ward off the dangers of "droplet" infection from people who cough and sneeze has been mentioned as a promising method of approach to the problem. Masks, it is said, are already available in considerable numbers. It may, therefore be expected that these will be provided by a beneficent Government for all who want them, as have been gas-masks, and as will be, in the near future, earplugs to produce tympanic security during air raids.

The common cold has for long been looked upon as an insoluble problem. Whether really earnest endeavours have been made to solve it has sometimes been doubted. Cynics have suggested that without the common cold and its sequelae many practitioners would not be able to keep the wolf from the door. It is a debatable point.

But if masks are desirable as a protection against coughs and sneeze in air-raid shelters, are they not also necessary in railway trains and other public means of transit, in theatres and cinemas, in shops and factories, in the home and in the street—everywhere, in fact?

A good case could be made out for every member of the populace being carefully masked at all times during the more inclement half of the year. Whether there would be a corresponding slump in the incidence of the common cold and its cronies, who could tell? Possibly the germ is as tough as the British people themselves—the result of long association and mutual respect.

GREECED LIGHTNING...!!!

WHY GREECE WENT TO WAR

by Robert Mackay

It was fitting that Greece, "Mother of all democracy", should refuse to sacrifice her independence at the behest of a dictator.

It was in the great Greek tradition that her people should prefer the hazards of war to submission to slavery. A small nation, successfully devoting its attention to its own social and economic development, and unable to build up powerful armaments, is specially marked down as their victims by the predatory Powers. The latter, as Mr Cordell Hull recently put it, are trying to reduce the nations of the civilised world to the degradation of the relationship of slaves to masters.

Yet Greece refused to submit. In his message to the Greek people the King said: "There are doubtless hard trials to be borne." The Greek people is fully aware of them. Nevertheless it has bravely chosen to resist foes of superior numbers and military preparation. That action is symbolic. It is not only an act of courage worthy of an heroic past. It is an act of faith: of confidence in the future.

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It was that sober confidence to which the British Monarch gave expression in his message, when he said that both the Greek and the British peoples would meet the hard trials of the future "in the firm faith that ultimate victory is assured by the ever-increasing strength of the free peoples." For what does Greek action betoken? Nothing less than this: the Balkan peoples, hemmed in though they are by the totalitarian Powers, believe in a British victory. So do all free peoples, more especially since the Dunkirk episode. Dunkirk was not merely a strategic withdrawal of British troops from the Continent of Europe. Much less was it, as the Germans fondly supposed, the beginning of the end of British resistance. Dunkirk was a new dawn. It marked the opening of a new chapter that their magnificent organism was intact. It convinced them that though they would for many long months have to bear, single-handed, the brunt of the military effort by air, sea and land, yet they had both the courage and the means to do it.

Dunkirk gave them renewed confidence in themselves, in their capacity to endure and in their ability to mobilise all their forces to fight until the final victory.

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Germany is fully aware—as is her satellite, Italy—that Great Britain is the formidable obstacle opposing the enslavement of free peoples. That is why Germany has not hesitated to declare, with the applause of Italy, that her objective is to "eliminate Great Britain". In accepting that challenge, the British people have gathered fresh confidence at every stage of the war: not only from their successes, but also from the reverses which have deprived them of the effective co-operation of their Allies.

Above all, their confidence has never wavered in the justice of the cause for which they are fighting. Nor has their conviction ceased to grow that all free peoples will become daily more aware of the real issues at stake.

Practical evidence of this aspect is to be seen in the fact that it is London which the leading men of the once free countries of Europe have chosen as the centre from which they may all, within the measure of means, collaborate in preparing for the common victory.

Leaders of Poland and Norway, Holland and Czechoslovakia, as well as the representatives of free Belgians and free French, are all assembled in London, working for the freedom of their countrymen from German tyranny.

There is something symbolic in that circumstance. It is not merely that these statesmen have confidence in the might of the British Empire and in the British ability to restore liberty to enslaved countries. It is that they have faith in the political ideals of the British people, and in the democratic principles and processes which the British people place at the service of those ideals. That is a spontaneous recognition of the value of the collaboration of the British nation in restoring independence to those who have lost it. It is an expression of confidence in the profoundly human meaning of the victory that will crown the efforts of Great Britain and her collaborators.

The dogged British courage which converted the dark hours of Dunkirk into a glorious epic was inspired by faith, the same faith which steeled the British people to resist a possible invasion and withstand, grimly and gaily, the shock of indiscriminate bombardment. It is that unconquerable spirit which has enabled the British airmen to carry the war constantly and deeply into Nazi country.

This unshaken confidence of the British people is bearing fruit: it is an inspiration to all free peoples. Recently, more than 100 delegates from widely separated parts of the British Empire are taking part in a Conference in India. Their object is to co-ordinate the production of war supplies in Empire countries, east and south of Suez. This is a remarkable sign of the unity of purpose of the free peoples of the British Commonwealth. In a message to the Conference, Mr Winston Churchill said that people in England would "find fresh encouragement in your labours, and look to the day when the forces created by our efforts both in the east and west advance together for the final overthrow of the powers of evil."

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The task of civilisation is a common one: it is to save civilisation. In that task, nothing has contributed more effectively to fortify the spirit of all free peoples than the sober and unwavering confidence of the British people in themselves and their cause. It is because she believed in the final victory, in which the whole British Commonwealth is confident, that Greece decided to resist the wanton aggression of those who would enslave her. It is because the cause to which Great Britain has dedicated herself is a universal cause, a service to humanity, that all free peoples are rallying to her. For the British nation is not fighting for a peace of her own making: she is fighting for a peace which shall ensure the freedom of all.

THE MERE MAN

How to Balance the Budget

I envy Mr Butters his position. As Financial Secretary, he can cast about and look for means to secure revenue whenever the Government is short of money, and once his proposals are passed none of us dares refuse to pay. But when a mere man finds it difficult to balance his budget, he cannot make a small levy here and another there without cries of "touch" or "thief." That is where my envy enters—and often I have wished I were more of a wizard at figures so that I might be appointed guardian of the finances of some Pacific Island and have my own back.

Seriously, however, it must be said that the Financial Secretary has introduced a very sound budget for the next year, and it is unlikely that the proposals will meet with any resistance.

It is somewhat reassuring to discover that the Government has not lost sight of Hongkong's social needs, though it frankly admits that in the present situation there can be little expectation of being able to solve each and every problem.

It is a disappointment, however, that the Government has shown little willingness to give active consideration to the question of employing more local people in the higher grades of service. It is high time that the policy be re-examined, and much more so when there is a large deficit and economies must be effected.

James Joyce

Writers of letters to the editor have taken up the subject of James Joyce's English, and it seems that there is some relief that the language is safer for Joyce's passing. It is easy to condemn, easiest of all when you cannot understand what you are supposed to judge, but it is erroneous to think, as some people do, that writers like Joyce deliberately adopted their style to hide the fact that they cannot write English. The same accusation has been made also against artists like Picasso.

I have never pretended to be able to understand Joyce, and have never had the time to take "Ulysses" to pieces to find out what the author is driving at. Yet, from reading his poems, I find that Joyce was able to write exceptionally good and exquisite English when he really wanted to. Take the following, "A Flower Given to My Daughter," written several years ago—is it not a gem?

Frail the white rose and frail are
Her hands that gave
Whose soul is sere and paler
Than time's wan wave.

Rosefrail and fair—yet frailest
A wonder wild
In gentle eyes thou veilest
My blueveined child.

—Claudius.

MUSSO on the SPOT

by Beverley Baxter M. P.

Well authenticated reports from Rome reveal that Mussolini is in a state of exasperation that finds vent in constant paroxysms of rage. In fact his medical advisers are urging him to rest and to calm himself for fear his health should be impaired.

Mussolini's exasperation is almost all embracing. He denounces his generals for failing to give him the victories he covets. He denounces his admirals for the long series of disasters to his beloved fleet culminating in the affair at Taranto where two battleships were destroyed and two cruisers crippled by the Fleet Air Arm of the British.

He is furious with the Greeks for resisting and deeply depressed by the loss of his crack Alpine Division.

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In desperation, and seeking to restore his waning prestige, he has been sending Italian bombers to attack London. On Armistice Day, 18 of them came over, escorted by a large number of German fighters. Two squadrons of British Spitfires and Hurricanes went up as a reception committee. The ceremony lasted exactly 15 minutes when the five surviving Italian machines made off for France with the Germans politely leading the way.

That night the British pilots who had not lost a single machine drank two toasts: "To our comrades of the last war" and "To Italians—may they come again soon."

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Mussolini has declared to his intimates that the German escort fighters left his bombers to their fate. In fact the whole incident has strengthened his suspicion that Hitler intends to throw him to the wolves—or rather to the lion—and play for a partnership with France instead. Mussolini is deeply resentful of Hitler's assumption that Germany is the centre of the Axis around which the others merely revolve.

Even if all that were not enough Mussolini's complexion is darkened still more by his conviction that Ciano is not showing him that respect due to a man who is at once his Duce and his father-in-law. Certainly Ciano has not tried to hide his disapproval of the military appointments made by Mussolini and the barrenness of their achievements.

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The entire Fascist Party in fact is gravely concerned with the news from inside as well as outside Italy. The Government has endeavoured to give as little depressing news as possible with the result that rumour, always a lively element among Italians, is making things appear worse even than they are.

More than twenty Italian submarines have put to sea and never returned. The relatives of the unfortunate crews are demanding news that is denied to them and tempers are rising.

Food is costly and by no means abundant. The petrol supplies, despite Britain's easy-going tolerance in the first eight months of the war, are running low. Finally there is the discouragement of the repeated warning in the Italian Press that the war will be long and difficult.

Indian Views Harden Against Britain's Foe

LAHORE, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—A meeting of Sikh leaders from all over the Punjab—among them several members of the Shiromani and Akalidal—has passed a resolution to form a Khalsa (Sikh) Defence of India League to increase to the maximum the Sikh effort for the defence of India and to ensure the victory of Britain.

The Maharaja of Patiala will be the patron and General President of the League and Sirdar Raghbir Singh, of Amritsar, has been unanimously elected President.

The meeting has sent out a clarion call to every Sikh to enlist in the Army, Navy or Air Force so as to support Britain to the utmost of Shikh manpower, and also to maintain the Khalsa tradition of unswerving devotion to duty and strict discipline.

The Maharaja of Patiala, in a message to the conference, said: "We must implement the pledge of last August to the British Commonwealth to support and fight for human progress and, realising that it is our religious duty, we must carry out our plighted word to those who are fighting for ideals identical to ours."

Labour For Churchill

CALCUTTA, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The Labour leader, Mr M. N. Roy, addressing an anti-Fascist conference here to-day, said: "We must throw in our forces on the side of Britain because she is fighting for our interest.

"Mr Churchill, guiding the front rank fighters against the bulwark of world reaction, is a greater revolutionary force than all Congress leaders, Right and Left, put together, who are only obstructing that fight."

Memorial Service For Chief Scout

Cathedral Ceremony

A memorial service for the late Rt Hon. Lord Baden-Powell, Chief Scout, was held at St John's Cathedral yesterday, the Very Rev. Dean Wilson conducting the service, which was attended by Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from every part of the Colony.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, attended and was accompanied by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith. Others noticed included the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, the Hon. Mr W. N. Thomas Tam, Mr C. G. Sollis, and the Rev. George May.

Among the Boy Scout and Girl Guide officials attending were Mr C. Champkin, Deputy Colony Commissioner, Mr G. S. P. Heywood, Assistant Commissioner for Rovers, Mr D. A. Pockson, Assistant Commissioner and Honorary Secretary, Mrs F. E. E. Booker, Assistant Commissioner for Wolf Cubs, and Miss J. W. J. Buckwell, Colony Commissioner for Girl Guides.

Italian Control Measures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 19 (UP).—The Ministry of Currency and Foreign Exchange announced to-day that special measures will be adopted to aid in the control of Italian exports and imports for the purpose of guaranteeing payment for supplies of food and raw materials from abroad.

In this connection, the Ministry will be authorised to requisition all products destined for exportation as well as all raw materials needed for producing such products.

U.S. Freezing Of Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Plans to "freeze" all foreign assets in the United States now only await the signature of the President, according to the "New York Times."

The order will stop the flow of German, Japanese and Italian funds in and out of the United States.

The paper adds that fear of the order is responsible for the recent exodus of German money.

Softball

CARDINALS NOSE OUT PANTHERS

Much of the week-end Softball League schedule was washed out by the rain, but in the women's games there was much to interest. The match which had spectators on their toes was that between the Cardinals and the Panthers, the former nosing out the latter by 14-13.

Cardinals scored regularly through the middle frames, but with a tally of five in the sixth canto, Panthers drew up to within four runs of their opponents' total.

Then came the climaxing final inning. Cardinals were blanked, and Panthers started a run-getting spree that brought in three—but when one within the total lost their last man.

Scores were:

GIRLS

Wildcats 21, Ramblerettes 6.
Wahoos 10, Las Florinhas 0.
Cardinals 14, Panthers 13.

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.F. 8, Liga Portuguesa 7.
Recreio Bees 11, Royal Engineers 6.

FRIENDLY

Canuckettes 7, Socony 7.
U.S.S. Mindanao 10, C.B.A. 9.

Winning Cash Sweeps At Macao

MACAO, Jan. 19.—The cash sweeps on to-day's races resulted:

Race No. 1

No. 135	$104.60
" 242	55.60
" 251	27.80

Unplaced ponies ($7.70 each): Nos. 243, 146, 277, 187.

Race No. 2

No. 220	$218.40
" 122	62.40
" 363	31.20

Unplaced ponies ($5.80 each): Nos. 148, 424, 14, 39, 223, 474.

Race No. 3

No. 7	$222.00
" 150	63.40
" 314	31.70

Unplaced ponies ($5 each): Nos. 74, 149, 336, 361, 125, 600, 65.

Race No. 4

No. 251	$5.80
" 150	85.50
" 152	19.10

Unplaced pony ($21.20) No. 175.

Race No. 5

No. 24636	$9,920.38
" 20,111	2,548.68
" 14,752	1,274.35

Unplaced ponies ($128.72 each): Nos. 3542, 101, 13202, 3801, 14272, 12262, 23170, 23073, 13561, 17009, 6025.

Race No. 6

No. 40	$237.00
" 233	67.70
" 186	33.80

Unplaced pony ($37.60) No. 114.

Kowloon C.C. Win Week-end Bowls Matches

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB were successful in two friendly games of lawn bowls played over the week-end. On Saturday they engaged in a two-rink match with the United Services Recreation Club and won by 42 shots to 28.

Yesterday they beat a team from Lane, Crawford's 69-46.

Scores were:

V. UNITED SERVICES R.C.

A. E. P. Guest, R. T. Burch, R. Wellwood, H. Overy beat G. Navey, I. Newton, J. T. Smalley, J. Smith 19-17.

A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, A. W. Smith, J. Fraser beat P. H. Parks, C. W. Jeffries, B. D. Evans, H. H. Williams 23-11.

LANE, CRAWFORD'S

H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, A. Steven, L. Jack lost to E. G. Baker, S. Carr, T. A. Madar, E. C. Fincher 19-20.

E. R. P. Guest, S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, V.C. Labrum beat H. Burson, T. Edgar, A. B. Hamson, A. W. Brown 27-10.

J. H. S. Duncan, D. Glover, N. A. E. Mackay, R. B. Wellwood beat H. W. Bonner, W. C. Ogley, G. Tanner, H. W. Randall 23-16.

Kennedy Says U.S. Aid Must Not Provoke War

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to Britain, said to-day that he advocated the utmost aid for Britain but this must not go to a point where war becomes inevitable.

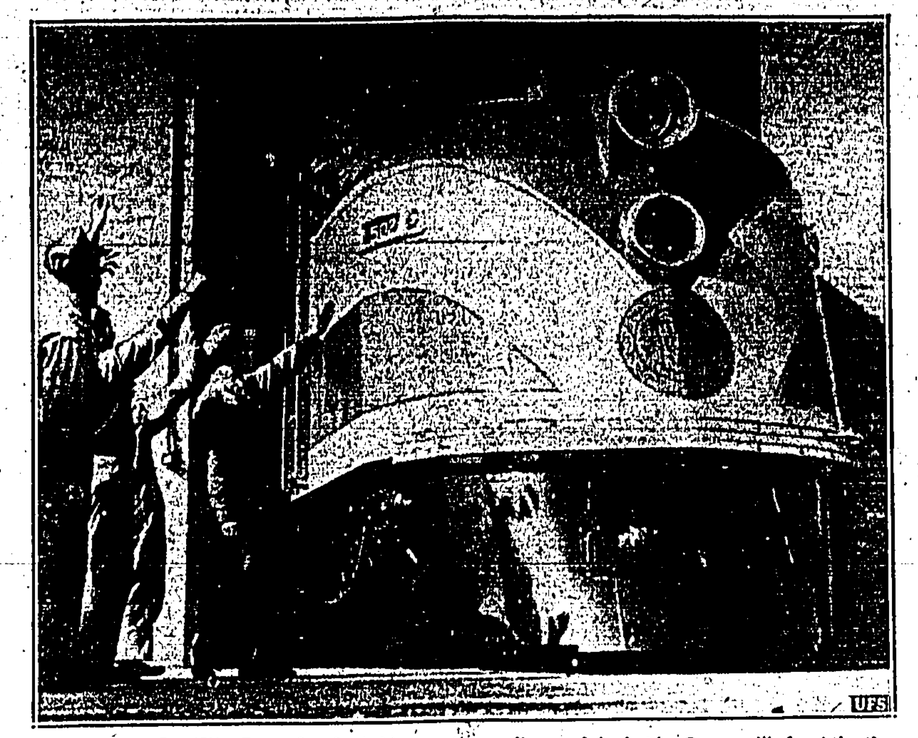
If the resources of Britain were used up, he would prefer assistance to be given her by outright gifts.

He added: "Many Americans fear that Hitler will declare war on the United States if aid to Britain continues but to declare war is outmoded in these days of unbridled force. Hitler would declare war on the United States only when he thought such action was to his best interests, for the United States is certainly committed to acts sufficiently unneutral to justify a less despotic tyrant than Hitler in declaring war.

"It is not surprising that the American people desire Hitler's defeat, for he is attempting a decivilisation of the world in the name of Nazi pagan philosophy."

After Dunkirk

Mr Kennedy declared that after the retreat from Dunkirk and the fall of France, English defences were in a deplorable condition but in spite of such handicaps, in spite of the fact that the conquest of the British Isles would have given Hitler the domination of Europe, the Germans had never been able to secure a foothold on that island.



WORLD'S LARGEST—First of 18 Diesel locomotives rolls out of shed at La Grange, Ill., for Atlantic Coast Line railroad. Mass production was carried to new high when big machine was rushed to completion in 60 days of 24-hour shifts.

British Children Happy In New Canadian Homes

The British children who have been evacuated to Canada are rapidly becoming accustomed to the Canadian way of life and customs. Most of them are in homes where there are other children of about the same age. They are being dressed the same way, eat the same food, go to the same schools, play the same games and talk about the same things as their foster-brothers and sisters.

They have learned to play baseball, Canadian children's favourite summer game, and are looking forward to learning how to ski in the winter. Already some of the children who came to Canada early this summer cannot be distinguished from Canadian children except when they talk, when their English accent easily gives them away.

The British children at first had some difficulty with the slang expressions of the Canadians, but are now becoming almost as expert in using them as the Canadian children are. They no longer say "those boys," but "those guys." They do not say, "I don't believe you" when they doubt anything. They say "boloney!"

Government's Care

An elaborate and careful organisation had been created to look after the children brought out under the Government-sponsored scheme. The British Government delivered them to some Canadian port of entry. There the Canadian Government took charge of them, divided them into small parties suitably escorted, allocated them to different provinces on the basis either of the proportion of applications from each or in accordance with arrangements made with the British parents for some definite destination, and despatched them for a brief waiting period to the several provincial capitals.

There the children were kept for a few days rest from their travels. While a close medical watch was kept upon them to see that no communicable disease had been contracted on their ocean voyage, community groups co-operated in welcoming and entertaining them and accustoming them to their new environment.

After their period of waiting in the provincial capitals the children were dispersed to their new homes, which previously had been carefully inspected and approved by the provincial authorities.

Wards of the King

For purposes of guardianship, the children who came out under the joint auspices of the British and Canadian Governments have all been made wards of the King.

The homes and children are subject to periodic inspection by the authorities. Actually, however, the homes have been so carefully investigated beforehand that little practical necessity for these inspection exists. There have been no cases as yet of any children having landed into undesirable surroundings.

The welfare of the children brought to Canada privately is entirely in the hands of the families who have taken them in.

Many of the children arrived during the summer and have been more fortunate than those who arrived later in that they have been able to gradually acclimatise themselves to the Canadian weather, now growing colder as winter approaches. Many spent the summer in the country and are as tanned as nuts.

Canadians Disappointed

Few Federal projects that have ever been discontinued have occasioned the widespread disappointment that has been manifested from coast to coast in Canada over the sudden cessation of the influx of British children owing to the dangers of ocean travel. Each day's mail brings to the Government here hundreds of letters from families who cling to the hope that the children whom they were expecting to receive might have left the Old Land before the British Government halted the movement. The Federal authorities have no alternative but to announce to these homes the disappointment of their hopes—temporarily at least.

Out of well in excess of 100,000 offers of homes for little British evacuees, Government officials state, the supply of children has been sufficient to actually accept less than 7,500.

Of this total, only between 1,500 and 1,600 have reached the Dominion under the auspices of the combined Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada. The balance have arrived as a result of private arrangements between their parents and individual Canadian families.

It is characteristic of the spirit that has enveloped the whole movement that the young evacuees, even in the official language used in Government administration, are referred to as "guest children," not as refugees.

Vichy Police Arrest 100 Soviet Agents

Vichy police acting to check the spread of Communist propaganda, have arrested more than 100 persons on charges of subversive activities, it was reported recently.

The arrests were made under the provisions of a Government decree dissolving the Communist Party in France and prohibiting propaganda.

Rotary Club Function

More than $8,000 was raised by the Rotary Club's successful dinner dance at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday for the fund to purchase ambulance and mobile canteens for Britain and China.

The dinner dance, which was the largest ever held at the Peninsula Hotel, was attended by 800 people. It was the first dinner dance held by the Rotary Club, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary on February 25.

The President of the Hongkong Rotary Club, Rotarian Dr. Arthur Woo received the guests.

The Rose Room and Roof Garden ballrooms were gaily decorated with 30 Rotary flags presented to the Hongkong Rotary Club by Clubs in all parts of the world.

RANKED AS IDIOTS

Since 1870 British women marrying aliens have been classed as lunatics and idiots, said Mrs Spiller of the Women's Freedom League. They demand a Bill to put their status right.

World's Fair Closes: Seen By Record Crowd

The New York World's Fair, which ended recently, was seen by more people than any exhibition in history, and Americans will long remember it as an intimation of the brave new world of to-morrow to which they look forward hopefully but which seems to have been made incredibly remote by Germany's reversion to barbarism.

In the course of its two seasons the Fair has been visited by approximaety 55,000,000 people. The number who paid for admission is approximately 44,000,000 and is therefore well in excess of the two-year total, 38,626,000, achieved by Chicago's Century Progress Exhibition.

The financial side of the New York Fair, however, is not so bright. Its bondholders will receive a total for the two years of 38.4 per cent. of their original investment, but this causes little dissatisfaction, because 80 per cent. of the Fair's bonds are owned by the large exhibitors and concessionnaires, who feel they have got their money's worth.

Fair Grounds As Park

When the Fair's buildings have been demolished the ground will be transformed into a great public park which promises to be one of the city's brightest ornaments.

To guard against vandalism on the closing date 2,000 policemen and detectives were on duty to-day. To-morrow, though exhibits will not be open, visitors will be admitted to the grounds on payment of 10s. which will go to the American Red Cross.

Exhibits' Future

Many exhibits will remain in the United States. Thus the brilliantly coloured panels of the British Pavilion, showing famous coats of arms, are to be installed in the Library of Congress in Washington, which will also receive the genealogy of George Washington, tracing his descent from King John and the nine barons who signed Magna Carta.

The Lincoln copy of the Magna Carta will eventually be returned to England, but replicas of the Crown Jewels will be presented to the British-American Ambulance Corps to be taken on a nation-wide tour to raise funds for the Corps.

Exhibits in the Maritime Hall will probably be transferred to the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Virginia.

Fair Employees

The question of what will happen to the employees of many of the foreign pavilions is problematical, since they are either unable or unwilling to return home at this time.

A hundred Italian waiters now living on an Italian cargo boat off Philadelphia, are wondering where to go next. A bill which has been introduced in the House of Representatives would provide that foreign pavilion employees may become permanent residents of the United States.

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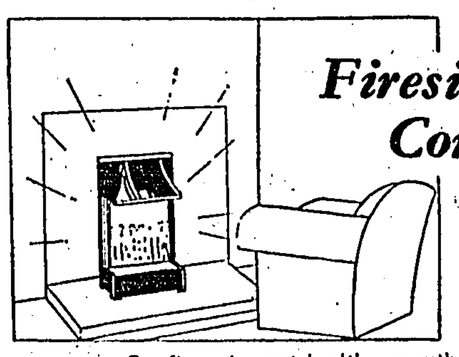

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Easy Victory For Sing Tao

Royal Scots Overwhelmed 5-1: "Hat-trick" For Lai Shiu-wing

(By "SCRAMBLER")

IN A DULL GAME, during which play was chiefly monopolised by Sing Tao, Royal Scots were defeated yesterday at Sookunpoo by five goals to one. The heavy conditions of the ground and the slippery state of the ball were not conducive to good football, but the Chinese were able to master conditions.

Stout-hearted Defence

Sing Tao fielded the same team that beat South China, and the machine-like movements of their forward line which were so much in evidence in their last game were again on view. The feature of the match was the stout-hearted defence of the Scots.

From the start there was only one team in the picture: Sing Tao settled down, and held a very firm grip on the play. Every man did what was required of him at the right moment and in the appointed place.

In the course of the whole game, Cheong Wing-choy had less than a dozen shots to deal with, and the only mistake he made was to allow a slippery ball to get past him. The pair of backs, Hou Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang, cleared and defended well, and their coverings of their front men were not only timely but well planned.

Again it was Sing Tao's intermediate trio that paved the way to an easy victory, where Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu and Soong Ling-sing dominated, and were always ready to lend a hand both in attack and defence. They allowed very little to get past them.

Sing Tao's quintette, Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kie and Ip Pak-wah indulged in some pretty movements, and whenever the wingers were on the move, they were dangerous. Both men sent across many beautiful centres, and played a very understanding game with their inside men. Fung King-cheung led his men well, and was the schemer in the forward line, often drawing the defence out to slip the ball to his inside men to score.

Scots Unsettled

THE Scots were unable to settle down to the conditions of the ground, with the result that Sing Tao had most of the game. Although they went very near on several occasions, the weak finishes of the forwards robbed them of at least two goals, yet at one period two shots which had the Chinese goalie beaten struck the upright and rebounded into play.

Bankier in goal gave a fine performance, and was instrumental in keeping the score down by timely judgment and daring saves. Naysmith and Fraser both cleared hard, but found the Chinese just that shade too fast and cunning for them. They had a lot of territory to cover, since their intermediate trio were unable to hold the nippy Chinese inside-forwards.

Parnaby was a tower of strength in the pivotal position, but despite his hard work, the middle line found the Chinese too good for them. Adamson and Clarke both had a great deal to do, and Clarke did not relish in the idea of keeping check on the fast moving Yeung Shui-yick whose centres invariably spelt danger.

Of the forwards, Marshall was the best, often going back to relieve when hard pressed, and at other times taking the ball up to his other forwards. He was not strongly supported by his other men, and Auld appeared to me to be too hasty in his stride. Both wingers were off colour, and were unable to put across any decent centres in the course of the whole game.

Never in Doubt

FROM the initial kick-off, the superiority of the Chinese were never in doubt, for from a sweeping movement along the left, Ip Pak-wah raced across to take a pot shot at goal. Bankier cleared and Kwok Ying-kie came up to score from close range. At the other end, a promising movement was nipped in the bud by Hou Yung-sang's timely clearance.

Sing Tao dominated play thereafter, and it was only the goalkeeping of Bankier and the fine play of the pair of backs that kept the score down. However the Chinese kept up an incessant attack, and Ip Pak-wah, obtaining possession, raced down to cut in and scored with a cross shot.

The Scots retaliated, and a shot taken by Marshall at goal struck the upright and went back to play. Again Bankier saved at the other end from the foot of Fung King-cheung, and with play transferred to midfield, Sing Tao's halves were always the masters of the situation. From a well conceived movement initiated by their leader, Ip Pak-wah sent across to Lai Shui-wing who directed the ball into the net from close in.

Undeterred by this goal, the Scots alternated play with long passes, and it was from the foot of Marshall that they reduced the arrears when this player's first time shot at goal was allowed to slip in by Cheong Wing-choy.

Clever Movements

AFTER the change-over, Sing Tao indulged in some clever passing, and every one of their movements was very well conceived. Play was getting duller due to the one-sided play, but the display of Bankier in goal somewhat kept the spark of interest alive.

In the course of the second half, Cheong Wing-choy was rarely called upon to perform, thanks to the keen watch kept on the Scots' forwards by his front men. Although kept in their own half for the greater part of the game, Scots made several abortive spasmodic raids, and in one of their repulses, Yeung Shui-yick centred for Lai Shui-wing to score his second goal.

Thereafter, the Scots were content in keeping the Chinese out, although if Carrie had been able to dispose of the ball on more than one occasion, they might have been able to reduce the score.

Ip Pak-wah had only the goalie to beat when his shot struck the cross bar. Bankier did well to save immediately from the foot of Lai Shui-wing.

With play confined to the Scots' half, it was not long before Sing Tao scored again, as from another of those well-thought-out movements, Lai Shui-wing scored to complete his "hat-trick."

ROYAL SCOTS: Bankier; Naysmith, Fraser; Adamson, Parnaby, Clarke; Carrie, Marshall, Auld, Munroe, Swan.

SING TAO: Cheong Wing-choy; Hou Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kie, Ip Pak-wah.

League Tables

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China ..	16	12	2	2	48	10	26
Sing Tao	16	12	2	2	45	20	26
Eastern	16	11	3	2	51	27	25
Middlesex	15	7	2	6	33	35	16
Kwong Wah ..	16	4	4	8	37	45	12
Kowloon	12	4	3	5	19	25	11
Navy	14	3	5	6	36	39	11
Police	14	5	1	8	25	35	11
Royal Scots ...	14	3	2	9	23	27	8
Club	12	3	1	8	22	40	7
St Joseph's ...	15	2	3	10	17	34	7

Second Division

Engineers	15	13	2	0	73	14	28
South China ..	16	10	4	2	67	14	24
Middlesex	17	10	3	4	55	31	23
R.A.S.C.	15	10	2	3	72	25	22
Sing Tao	15	9	3	3	47	22	21
Navy	17	9	2	6	45	41	20
Royal Scots ...	16	9	1	6	43	27	19
30th R.A.	18	7	4	7	45	49	18
Kit Chee	16	7	2	7	34	47	16
Kwong Wah ..	17	5	3	9	27	45	13
R.A.O.C.	15	4	2	9	23	41	10
Police	17	2	1	14	22	71	5
Club	15	1	1	13	17	78	3
Kowloon	15	0	2	13	16	81	2

Third Division

R.A.F.	15	12	2	1	45	15	26
Signals	16	10	4	2	38	18	24
12th R.A.	17	8	5	4	41	25	21
36th R.A.	15	9	2	4	46	20	20
R.A.M.C.	15	7	2	6	29	42	16
24th R.A.	15	6	3	6	32	22	15
Engineers	15	7	1	7	39	27	15
7th R.A.	16	6	3	7	30	30	15
35th R.A.	13	6	3	5	26	29	13
International ..	14	5	2	7	29	28	12
20th R.A.	14	5	2	7	26	38	12
Shell	14	1	3	10	13	43	5
A.S.A.	14	0	0	14	5	62	0

Cricket

Best Week-end Batting And Bowling Feats

RAIN WASHED out several of the cricket matches over the week-end, but of those played, the following were the outstanding performers (L—League, F—Friendly):

BATTING

*E. L. Gosano (Rec.) L	81
M. A. Remedios (Rec.) L	44

* Not Out.

BOWLING

P. M. N. Silva (Rec.) L	6 for 18
Mazura (Univ.) L	4 for 15
S. A. Gray (K.C.C.) F ...	4 for 3
J. W. Bertram (K.C.C.) F	3 for 14

Easy Win For K.C.C. Over A British Ship

A TEAM from one of the British ships in harbour were entertained by the Kowloon Cricket Club in a cricket match yesterday. The home team had little difficulty in winning, but a most enjoyable game was had, despite the fact that rain held up the game until about 3.30.

Scores were:

Kowloon.—111 for 6 wkts. dec. (R. J. Fenton 28, E. Curtis 24, L. R. Burch 20).

British Ship.—68 (McGee 32, S. A. Gray 4 for 3, J. W. Bertram 3 for 14).

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SCOTLAND V. WALES

One of the moments of action during the Scotland v. Wales International Tournament rugby match on Saturday. A. J. G. Taylor (Scotland) has just got rid of the ball before being tackled.—*Ming Yuen.*

WEEK-END GOLF COMPETITIONS

MISS SEQUEIRA WINS COUNTRY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

MISS A. SEQUEIRA, winner of the Ladies Cup, yesterday secured the women's championship of the Country Club, Sheungshui, beating Mrs F. E. A. Remedios 3 and 1.

Captain's Cup

First round matches in the Captain's Cup and the Men's Foursomes were also played and resulted as follows:

C. H. T. Suen beat M. F. Pinna 3 and 2.

K. T. Oei beat J. J. Basto 3 and 2.

A. W. Ramsey beat W. C. Hung 2 up.

A. R. Pinna beat B. Basto on the 19th.

T. Y. C. Lee beat E. J. M. Churn 3 and 1.

R. E. Lee beat C. H. Basto 2 and 1.

F. X. Silva beat Geo. Lee 2 and 1.

A. T. Lee beat A. A. Guterres 4 and 3.

Men's Foursomes

B. Basto and H. R. Pinna beat M. A. Simoes and W. G. Williams on a walk-over.

Junior First Round Matches At Fanling

First Round matches for the Junior Championship of R.H.K.G.C., Fanling, yesterday resulted as follows:

N. D. Lloyd beat L. Jackson, 7 and 5.

D. J. Valentine beat J. Linaker 3 and 2.

F. A. Redmond beat Capt. Thursby 1 up.

S. L. Lloyd beat J. E. Richardson 6 and 5.

P. V. McLane beat R. D. Gillespie 6 and 4.

A. J. Dennis beat J. M. Thomson 3 and 2.

F. N. Merritt beat C. W. E. Bishop 2 and 1.

E. J. Price beat P. Morrison 2 and 1.

Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee beat C. H. Basto and A. A. Guterres 4 and 2.

J. J. Basto and A. R. Pinna beat F. X. Silva and M. F. Pinna 3 and 2.

W. Williamson and C. S. Thom beat C. E. Marques and B. Alves on a walk-over.

Armstrong Beaten On Technical Knock-out

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (Reuter).—Fritzie Zivic, World Welterweight Boxing champion, to-night successfully defended his title against Henry Armstrong, the former holder, who was technically knocked out in the 10th round of their scheduled 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden.

Armstrong, whose eyes were closed in the ninth round, announced after the fight, "My eyes won't hold up any more, so I'm through. I'm going into the wine business in California."

Henry Armstrong, who was the only boxer ever to hold three World titles simultaneously—he held the Featherweight, Lightweight and Welterweight titles in 1938—was one of the gamest and most popular champions the world has ever seen, as shown by the record Madison Square Garden attendance of 23,100, while more than 10,000 intending spectators were turned away.

Zivic boxed very cleverly, mixing hard straight-lefts with wicked right-crosses and battered the gallant Negro to pulp. Zivic was complete master of the fight from start to finish.—Reuter.

Armstrong lost the Welterweight title in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden several months ago and took a terrible beating. He had to have 16 stitches for the cuts received in that fight.

Officials Elected At Chinese R.C. Meeting

The annual meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club was held yesterday.

The following officials were elected.—Messrs Yu Tak-cheung, Chan Wai-yeung, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Kwan-lam, Ho Ka-lau, Yu Tak-man, Siu Chun-chui, Wong Wing-man, Ling Sze-fan, Leung Ting-ngok, Tsang Yeung-fook, Wong Kwok-sau, Lam Yuk-ying.

This committee will hold its first meeting on January 30 at 7 p.m.

England And Scotland In International Final

Ireland Defeated 8-0: Wales Trounced 31-0

(By "Fly-Half")

WITH CONDITIONS IDEAL underfoot, and despite a slight drizzle which fell throughout the afternoon, some keen rugby was witnessed at Causeway Bay on Saturday when England beat Ireland 8 points (a goal and a try) to nil, and Scotland trounced Wales 31 points (two goals and seven tries) to nil in the International Tournament.

PLUCKY DISPLAY BY HOPKINS

THE GAME between Scotland and Wales was marked by a plucky and serviceable display by Hopkins, the Welsh full-back, and the bouts of inter-passing in which the Scottish backs and forwards joined in.

Hopkins fielded the slippery ball in masterly manner and never failed to find touch although he was generally bowled over by the hefty Scots forwards.

Richards was a strong inside three for Wales who did more than his share. Honeywell, though not featuring in attack, gained rounds of applause by his over-taking of Macdonald and tackling of the Scottish winger when well set for a score.

Stark, Hughes and Walkden were the best of a hard-going but weak Welsh pack, which was up against the strongest pack in the tournament.

D. H. Taylor, at full-back for Scotland, was seldom in difficulties. He made one blunder when he fly-kicked and missed the ball completely.

Delightful Football

The Scottish threes, once they had settled down produced some delightful football reminiscent of the days when Grieve, Bidwell and Stewart used to weave their way upfield by inter-passing.

Stewart, on Saturday, playing his first senior game locally, as an inside three, was not a success for the first fifteen minutes when he could hold no passes, and when in possession ran at half-speed to pass out before drawing his man.

Then he ran into form going full out for the line and gave Macdonald some grand openings.

McGill was dangerous and found little difficulty in handling the ball. Thomson and Aitkenhead were safe halves with the nippy scrum-half forever there when an opening presented or when a recovering had to be made.

Millar was a stalwart Scottish forward, joining in the passing of the threes as well as carrying on in good dribbles amongst the forwards. Ford established a monopoly of the ball in the set scrums from the kick-off and never lost it.

Sutherland appeared to revel in the loose play where he was generally the first to fall on the ball to stem a Welsh dribble.

The Game

A pass back to Douglass by McGill led to the first Scottish try, which Watson failed to convert.

In a boot and rush attack, Pinkerton went over for a try which Aitkenhead failed to majorise. Then McGill and Macdonald scored further unconverted tries.

In the second half, Stewart, McGill and Thomson scored further unconverted tries which were followed up by a try by Douglass which Millar converted.

Pinkerton completed the Scottish scoring with another unconverted try.

Scotland.—D. H. Taylor; McGill, Douglass, Stewart and Macdonald; Aitkenhead and Thompson; Watson, Ford, Macrae; Millar, Sutherland; Kennedy, A. J. G. Taylor and Pinkerton.

Wales.—Hopkins; Moore, Richards, T. O. Morgan and Bevan; Honeywill and Morgan; Palmer, Lewis, Stockham; Benn, Stark; Hughes, Walkden and Turner.

A dashing display by the Irish forwards in the loose, who were aided by Carter's touch-kicking, prevented the much stronger English side from dominating the game. Despite the fact that Burford gained possession repeatedly by excellent hooking, the English threes made little ground with the slippery ball.

Paul might have kicked ahead to more advantage instead of trying to break through on his own. Charter held the greasy ball well, and tackled Carter in grand style. Day and Marsh seldom received the ball owing either to a dropped pass by the insides, Coombes and Paul; or to their being grassed in possession.

Bowden did yeoman service behind the scrum although he dodged about too much before passing out.

Strong Pack

A strong English pack were not allowed to settle down through the forceful tactics of the Irish pack, who kept the ball amongst the forwards as often as they could.

The weaker Irish backs played pluckily and tackled well with Giblin the only one able to break through, Rutherford and Carter, Navy halves, by keen tackling, kicking and falling on the ball, kept a good grip on the game to prevent the English backs from getting the upper hand.

Up forward, the rugged Irish pack deserve comment for their whole-hearted display, especially Callinan, Dempsey and Hynes.

The Game

A break-away by Bowden and a good pass to the English threes gave Paul an opportunity of which he made good use. His try close to the posts was converted by himself.

After a series of missed opportunities by the Englishmen and many last minute clearances by the Irish team, Paul went through to pass to Day who scored at the corner. Paul failed to convert.

England.—Thompson; Day, Paul, Coombes and Marsh; Charter and Bowden; Manfield, Burford, Heasman; King, Bompas; Wright-Nooth, Hewitt and Needham.

Ireland.—Morahan; Jackson, Giblin, Mullen and P. Wilson; Carter and Rutherford; Page, Callinan, Dempsey; Hackett, Thornhill; Stout, B. Hynes and Mohan.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

BRITISH DEFEAT NOT IMPOSSIBLE BUT IMPROBABLE

New York, Jan. 18.

A bitter protest against what he described as a "smear campaign," to which he had been subjected since his return from London to the United States, was made in a broadcast tonight by Mr Joseph Kennedy, retiring Ambassador to Britain.

Mr Kennedy recalled the fact that on his arrival in America he declared that while the United States could and should stay out of the war, all possible aid should be given to Britain. "I feel the same way about it today," he added.

There had been many false statements about his views on foreign policy and he described the "growth of intolerance" as one of the saddest features of recent months.

"Many Americans, including myself," said Mr Kennedy, "have been subjected to deliberate smear campaigns, because we differed from an aggressive minority. The favourite device of this aggressive minority is to call any American questioning the likelihood of English victory a defeatist.

"I have always thought that when the American people sent an American Ambassador to a foreign country that they expected him to report both the bright and dark sides—strength and weakness.

"When I reported to our Government the seriousness of the problems facing the British people, I did it because I wanted our Government to have all information possible, so that it could guide itself intelligently in the days to come in its foreign policy, regardless of what the outcome of the war might be."

Did Not Predict Defeat

Mr Kennedy denied that he had predicted the defeat of Britain, and added that the morale of the British people defied description. It was, he said, as fine a display of human courage as was ever witnessed.

"But," he said, "what do we know about the morale of the German Army, of the German people? Without knowing that, prediction of England's defeat would be senseless."

Disowning the label of "appeaser" which some had attached to him, Mr Kennedy said that any charge that he advocated a deal with the dictators was false and malicious.

"The word of these tyrants," he said, "has been shown to be worthless. They themselves proclaim that promises are sham. Hitler, the man who wanted war, has slammed the door to peace to all the world. He has proclaimed that he is waging total war for a new world order, where our society of justice according to law cannot even exist."—*Reuter.*

No Immediate Danger

New York, Jan. 18.

In his radio address to-night, Mr Joseph Kennedy said he did not believe this country faced "such immediate danger as to justify this surrender of authority and responsibility of Congress." He said he believed that after the hearings "there will be revealed less drastic ways of meeting the problem of adequate authority for the President." He said, however, that whatever measure emerges, "the duty of every American citizen is plain—all must rally behind the President."

Mr Kennedy proposed "outright gifts" of arms and munitions and aeroplanes to Britain, but said the United States should keep out of the war unless attacked. He declared the war will spell bankruptcy and the loss of democracy. Even victoriously, it means that the victors will have to stand guard for generations in Europe to save the defeated nations from Communism.

He emphasized repeatedly that while the United States should aid Britain to the "utmost", it should direct all its efforts to keeping out of the war if possible. The United States by declaring war could not assure a quick British victory, and could not hope to balance the disparity between the British and German armed strength.

Problem for Experts

He said it is up to the President and the trained experts of the Army and Navy to determine how much aid can be given to Britain without jeopardising the defences of the United States.

Noting that Germany has thus far been unable to invade Britain across the 20 miles of water, he insisted Germany would be unable to send troops against the United States, while the United States could not hope to successfully invade Europe.

He denied he ever predicted that Britain would be defeated. "One can recognise the enormous difficulties facing Britain without foreseeing its defeat," he declared.

He commented that the American people are "obviously without the slightest desire to remain neutral in the face of aggression by the Axis powers."—*United Press.*

Serious Fighting Continues

Thai Destroyer Sunk By The French

Saigon, Jan. 17.

The most serious infantry, naval and aerial actions which have taken place thus far marked the hostilities on Thursday. Large Thai forces, co-operating with tanks attacked between Poipet and Sisophon, forcing the French to withdraw to Sisophon after fierce resistance. The French lost 66 men while the Thailanders are believed to have lost 600.

French warships in the Gulf of Siam sank a Thai destroyer and a patrol boat and badly damaged a new 2,260-ton Thai warship at Kohchang. The damaged warship is believed to have been beached. French planes, taking advantage of the moonlight, heavily bombed Prachinburi, Aranya and Wadhana, all along the railway towards Bangkok where they saw huge fires.

They also reported many direct hits on the important Prachinburi airfield, despite fierce anti-aircraft fire.

An American oil man who has just returned from the frontier said: "The border war is more serious than it is realised." He said that on January 13 French machine-gunners fired point blank into 400 Thai cavalrymen who were charging; however, the Thailanders continued the charge despite the fact that the majority of them were killed or wounded.—*United Press.*

Reuter adds that no French vessels were lost in the naval engagement in the Gulf of Siam.

Lamotte Piquet Damaged

Bangkok, Jan. 17.

A French fleet attacked Thai warships at Kohchang at 6.20 a.m. to-day, announced a communique issued by the High Command, which added that the Thai warships engaged in a naval battle with the attackers for three hours while Thai planes co-operated in driving off the attackers.

The communique claimed that bombs fell near the French warship Lamotte Piquet, badly damaged her and forcing the ship to flee at full speed. Other French vessels were also damaged.

Some of the Thai warships were slightly damaged, the communique admitted, but all Thai planes returned to their bases.

Kohchang is a small island near Chandaburi, where an undetermined number of Thai warships were recently sent to co-operate with the land and air forces in stemming the reported French drive along the gulf.

The High Command also stated that a single French plane, at 9.20 p.m. on January 16 bombed Prachinburi and Aranya and also attempted to attack Bangkok. A second attempt to raid Bangkok was said to have been made at 10.14 a.m. to-day, said the communique, but the raiders were driven off by anti-aircraft fire. Details of the raids are not available.

Thai forces occupied further positions in the Aranya sector yesterday after a heavy battle in which ten Frenchmen were captured with a large supply of equipment and 200 French corpses were abandoned on field, claimed the High Command. All the dead were white soldiers. Firing has flared up again on the Mekong front to-day.—*United Press.*

Thailand Troops Thrown Back

Saigon, Jan. 18.

It is officially reported that French armoured units this morning attacked a Thai battalion which was attempting to capture Sisophon and hurled the Thailanders back many miles towards Poipet, inflicting heavy losses. Artillery duels continued at Savannakhet.—*United Press.*

DIVERTISSEMENTS

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE TO BE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY

There will be a benefit performance of "Divertissements" at the King's Theatre at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, in aid of the Kunming and International Peace Hospitals. Artistes will be Y. K. Sze, bass; Ai-Lien Tai, modern dancer; J. R. M. Smith, organist; and the Chinese Choral Society conducted by Fung Hin-tsung.

The performance is sponsored by the China Defence League (Chairman Mme. Sun Yat-sen) and by the Kunming Hospital Appeal Committee (Chairman H. E. Dr W. W. Yen).

IN GREECE—Britain, keeping promise to aid Greece against Italians, sends General Sir Archibald Wavell, center, commander of Britain's Middle East forces, to confer in campaign. Radio picture, passed by British and Greek censors, shows him arriving at unnamed Greek port.

Clippers Complete Five Years Of Pacific Commercial Flying

As Pan American Airways' great flying boat, the China Clipper, pioneer of the Pacific merchant marine of the air, reached San Francisco recently, a cycle was completed. It was the end of the first five years of trans-Pacific air mail, the 442nd crossing of the North Pacific by air, commemorating that November day in 1935 when James A. Farley, then Postmaster General, consigned the first packet of mail to Pan American.

There were 58 bags of mail, 110,865 letters, in that first cargo of the China Clipper. No passengers were carried on a revenue basis until 11 months later. Since that first trip, truly a pioneering venture, as daring, colourful, and successful as the Pony Express mail, Clippers have carried 13,480,000 letters, 6,481 passengers, and they have flown 3,715,553 miles.

The first cargo was chiefly philatelic mail. Stamp collectors all over the world had letters in those first 58 bags. Since then some of the world's most confidential mail, diplomatic pouches, messages requiring high speed, have been carried from San Francisco Bay to China. The trans-Pacific air route during the war in Europe and Asia has become one of the world's lifelines, one of its most vital indispensable, high-speed connections. Treasure Island to Hongkong in 6½ days!

Diplomats of all nations to-day speed across the Pacific in the Clippers. Experts of the United States Department are rushed to the Orient to assist in evacuating Americans. Newspapermen surveying the war areas of the world for their publications, radio, Army, chemical, and mechanical engineers on inspection trips of great importance, all have used the facilities of this great 9,000-mile route through the air.

Cargoes of all nations have been carried by these sturdy freighters of the air.

Great Airport in Making

That first flight five years ago was made from the east side of San Francisco Bay, near Alameda, the site to-day of the Federal Government's great newly commissioned but still in-the-building $20,000,000 naval air station. Later when San Franciscans decided to dig up the bottom of the Bay and make a 400-acre island in the Bay's centre for their World's Fair, space was set aside for the Clippers.

Permanent hangars were erected on the south end of Treasure Island. The flying boats had their own sheltered Port of the Trade Winds. The entire vast Bay was their "runway." This move to Treasure Island was made in 1939. It was the beginning of what will eventually be one of the world's greatest municipal airports, if plans now pending in Washington are carried through. The move brought the Clippers within 10 minutes of San Francisco and within 10 minutes of Oakland and Berkeley by the Bay Bridge.

Last year the China Clipper, and its other North Pacific sisters, saw the inauguration of the Southern Pacific air route, Pan American's equally important expansion from San Francisco to Hawaii, Canton Island, New Caledonia, and New Zealand. To-day a trans-Pacific clipper is always on its way to and from transoceanic terminal. North Pacific flights are round-trip weekly. Those to New Zealand are round-trip every two weeks.

Six More Boeings

To-day Pan American Clippers, the California, the Honolulu, and the American in the Pacific, and the Yankee, Dixie, and Atlantic in the Atlantic, with a gross weight of 84,000 pounds each and accommodations for 74 passengers seated, are the world's largest commercial planes. In 1941 this vast fleet will be augmented by more Boeing 314's, three for the Pacific, three for the Atlantic fleets. Scheduled flights will be stepped up in the effort to knit the world as closely as possible together in the ways left open to men.

'New Odour' In Osaka Zoo

A chimpanzee in the Tennoji Zoo in Osaka has petitioned the authorities to have his foreign name "Lloyd" changed to a Japanese name more in keeping with the "new order in Asia" and the "new structure" in Japan, according to an article in the "Nichi Nichi."

The director of the Zoo has heeded Lloyd's appeal and has advertised for suggestions, the only requirement being that the name be 100% Japanese.

It appears that the chimpanzee created a commotion recently by suddenly appearing decked out in the new "people's uniforms" which ultra-patriots have recommended for each and every Japanese man, woman and child.

The article in the Osaka paper said that Lloyd was proud of his good fortune in being in Japan, regards himself a native son; hence wants to discard his foreign name for a purely Japanese name in keeping with the trend of the times.

Americans Want Known As Allies

A poll taken by the American magazine "Fortune" on the United States attitude to Britain shows that the course favoured by the biggest group of Americans is that their country should declare itself an ally and send equipment but not men.

Following are detailed results of the straw vote:

	Per cent.
For declaring ourselves allies, sending equipment and even men if necessary	15.0
For declaring ourselves allies, sending equipment but never men	41.0
For present course, sending what supplies Britain can buy	30.7
Against sending anything	7.1
No opinion	5.3

Per cent.

On the question of whether the United States is likely to enter the war the magazine's November poll shows an important change from last January:

	November Per cent.	January Per cent.
Likely	9.9	14.7
Probable	29.2	33.3
50-50 chance	22.8	22.0
Unlikely	22.2	10.3
Impossible	4.0	1.4
No opinion	11.9	9.3

These figures are quoted in a precis compiled by the Americans-in-Britain Outpost of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

O.B.E. For World's Fair Attendant

The medal of the Order of the British Empire for meritorious service has been awarded to Sidney Grant Wood, head attendant, British Pavilion, New York World's Fair.

The "London Gazette," which announced the award recently, stated that it had been made for services on the discovery of a bomb in the British pavilion at the fair.

The bomb, which was of great destructive power, exploded after being removed, killing two officers and injuring six others.

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Raider Survivors Now In The Colony

More than 40 Chinese seamen, survivors of British and Norwegian ships sunk in the Pacific by German raiders, arrived in Hongkong yesterday aboard the British steamer which rescued them from Emirau Island. The Australian master who was responsible for the rescue is Captain F. O. Colvin.

Thirty nine of the seamen, who were members of the crews of the British Phosphate Commissioner's ships Triaster, Triadic and Triona, sunk in the vicinity of Naurau Island, were landed at Hongkong. Another four seamen, who were members of the crew of the Norwegian freighter Ringwood, are being repatriated to Shanghai. Some of them spent more than two months aboard the raider.

They were placed on lonely Emirau Island, which is inhabited by only two white men, by the German raider after capture along with some 400 prisoners who included British women and children from the sunken liner Rangitane. After spending only six days sheltering in the mountains on the Island the prisoners were rescued by the British steamer, which landed the Europeans at an Australian port and then proceeded to Hongkong.

Cheng Ah-yao, 49 year-old mess boy from the Norwegian freighter Ringwood, who is being repatriated to Shanghai, said a German raider with Japanese colours fired two shots across his ship's bow off Nauru and ordered her to stop at 2.30 a.m. on October 14.

The crew was transferred to the raider and confined in a small space under closed hatches. At 7 a.m. the following day the Ringwood was sunk. Cheng stayed two months and six days on board the raider, which he said, carried an aeroplane. He said the prisoners had little good fresh water and the meals were poor in quality. They were given potatoes alone for lunch or, on another day, beans. Stores from the Ringwood had been transferred to the raider.

Those on board the rescue ship discounted the story that the German raider was Count Von Luckner. Norwegian seamen who were landed in Australia said he was an officer of the old Imperial German Navy. He proved he was a man of his word by placing ashore the Captain of the Rangitane at Emirau Island. He was an officer and a gentleman, but was ruthless when the occasion arose.

During the attack on the Rangitane one of the shells burst in the passenger compartment, killing several British women and wounding children.

The heroism of the wounded women was praised by those on the rescue ship. A New Zealand girl, who had part of her jaw blown away, remarked with a smile.—"Just wait until those plastic surgeons have finished with me. You won't recognise me."

One British woman was buried at sea by the Germans on the raider. It was revealed that after the sinking of one liner off the New Zealand coast planes from the New Zealand Air Force flew out to the scene and reported seeing three Japanese freighters. The three freighters were the German raiders in disguise.

Prisoners said that the German raider on which they were on frequently changed the colour of her funnel. They saw one aeroplane flying overhead and were told that two others were stored on board. The raider carried eight-inch guns and was laying mines. The Commander was reported to have said that he was after "the big stuff" such as the Queen Mary.

DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE

The decree nisi granted three months ago to Mrs Janet Elizabeth Margaret Whitham in her petition for the dissolution of her marriage with James Percival Whitham, was made absolute by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court on Saturday.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

DONATIONS TO CHARITABLE AND OTHER CAUSES

A total of $1,546,676.74 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

P. R. C. Groundsman's Honorarium	$100
Pauline (fourth donation)	100
Wong Ngai Tong's Dinner	60
Betty and Bob	10
N. I. H. B. Sports Club	11.20
Harbour Office Nickels & Dimes (weekly donation)	3.15
Taikoo Dockyard "Spare Gear" (weekly donation)	18
"Oil Golf Birdies"	24
Anonymous	10
Former Pilot of Spitfire (Sundry coins)	.83
Miss Joan Challinor	10
For A Flag	4
P. S. S. Chicken Feed (weekly donation)	19.50
12th Coy. R.A.S.C. (Coppers for Bombers)	35.40

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children announce that the Friesland Trading Co., Ltd, have very kindly contributed the sum of $100 for New Year gifts to be distributed amongst the children under the care of the Society, on January 25 in the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.

The annual Flower Day of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, held on January 11, realised $4,153.69. The Committee express thanks to the following:

The Commissioner of Police, Public Works Department, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Peak Tramways, Hongkong Tramways, China Motor Bus Co., Kowloon Motor Bus Co., the Hongkong Broadcasting Committee, Cheero Club, the Y.M.C.A., Chinese Y.W.C.A., and the local Press;

To Sir Atholl MacGregor for his eloquent broadcast;

Also to the following who assisted with the sale of flowers.—Tung Wah Hospitals, Kwong Wah Hospital, Hongkong Sanatorium, Teachers Training College, La Salle College, St. Mary's Convent, Diocesan Boys' School, Holy Spirit School, Chun Tak Girls' School, Che Hang Girls' School, Tung Lin Kok Yuen Free School, Yik Chi Girls' School, Mei Wah Girls' School, Kwan San Girls School, St. Paul's Girls College, St. Stephen's Girls College, To Shuk Girls School, Yuek Chi Girls School, Maryknoll Convent, Holy Trinity School, All Saints Church School, Free Schools of the Confucian Institute, Free Schools of the Tung Wah Hospital, The South China Workshop for Refugees, Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association, Bank of Canton, Bank of East Asia, Y.W.C.A., Chee Kwong Club, China Emporium, Wing On Co., Sun Co., Sincere Co., Mrs Crawford, Mrs Crummelin, Mrs Muir, Miss P. Pritchard, Mrs Richardson.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

Although buyers are not increasing their bids, dealings were recorded in practically all the popular counters, with interest well maintained.

Buyers

H.K. Banks $1,395
Bank of East Asia $75.25
Cantons Ins. $210
Union Ins. $405
H.K. Fire Ins. $165
Whrves $90
Providents $5.05
Hotels $3.50
Trams $18.40
Star Ferries $62
Lights X. Rts $6.20
Lights Rts cts. .05
Electrics "O" $40.25
Electric "N" $40
Telephones "O" $25.25
Cements $18
Ropes $8.15
Watsons $10.80
Entertainments $7
Constructions "O" $1.60

Sellers

Trams $18.60
Lights Rts. $1
Cements $18.20
Ropes $8.35
Watsons $11.15
Vibro Piling $7.70

Sales

H.K. Banks $1,405
Docks "O" $18.50
Hotels $3.55
Trams $18.40
Cements $18.20
Ropes $8.35
Watsons $11

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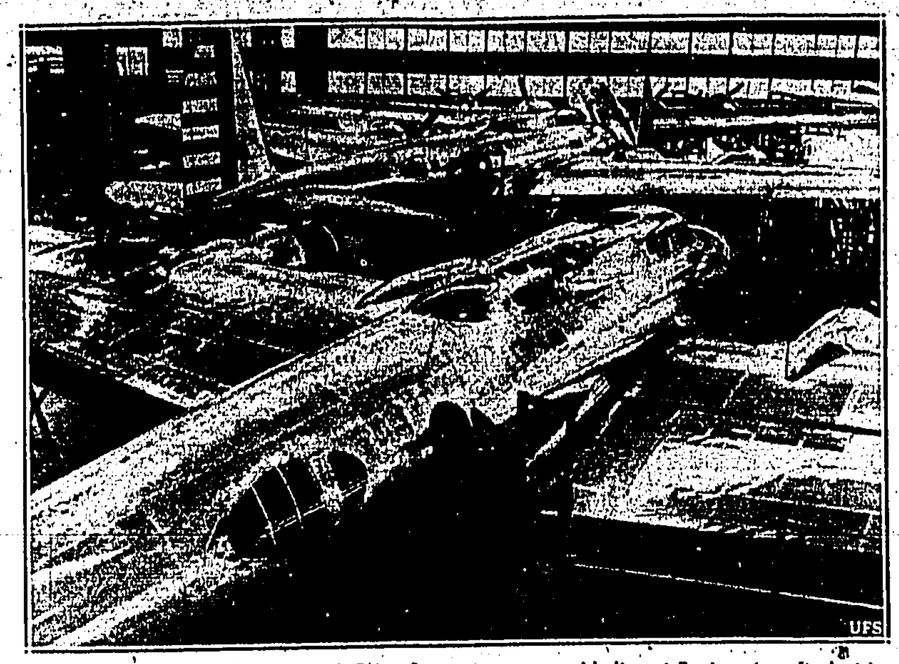

BOMBERS FOR AMERICA—B-17C flying fortresses on assembly line at Boeing aircraft-plant in Seattle. These 22-ton bombers are built at rate of one every two days, with expectation of turning out two ships daily.

Captured Italian General's Praise

"In all the praise of the brilliant British strategy which routed the Italians, none impressed me more than that of two captured Italian generals—Cerio and Mezzari—with whom I returned to Alexandria in a destroyer," cables a special correspondent of the Sydney "Sunday Despatch" with the Mediterranean fleet.

"Mezzari, swarthy and scowling, was scintillating with medal ribbons and Fascist insignia. Obviously he is a party man. He complained, while sipping a glass of sherry, that he had lost all his personal belongings because the British rush completely surprised the Italian staff. Tears coursed silently down his furrowed face.

"Cerio did not wear a single Fascist decoration. He shivered from the effects of a bout of coastal fever.

"His aide-de-camp said that Cerio had aged ten years. In three days he had seen the work of a lifetime in Libya wrecked because of political reasons.

"Faultless Precision"

"After eating his first food for four days Cerio said that the British carried out a brilliantly-conceived operation with faultless precision. 'We had no idea of the extent of the manoeuvre until after we had been surrounded,' he said. 'We were based 10 miles south-east of Sidi Barrani; and prepared to fall back to stronger positions covered by artillery. But when your tanks rolled up we found that we were attacked from the rear.'

"Cerio said that the British mechanised units cut the coast road and the Italian water pipeline. Then, in an eastward sweep, they overwhelmed the Italian defences one after the other.

"He added: 'I had no idea that Sidi Barrani had fallen until an hour before we were compelled to surrender.

"'Ah! what a mistake it was for us ever to have occupied Sidi Barrani. We should have marched straight through to Alexandria last summer or else not moved at all.

"'I knew that Sidi Barrani was just a handful of brickdust in the desert sand but I was not aware of the incredible degree of British mechanisation.'"

Equipment Too Good

"Cerio asked sadly where the British obtained their equipment. 'Surely the British Fleet is not the only fleet in the Mediterranean,' he said. 'Our equipment was insufficient to meet the scale of your mechanised units. We always had marvellous plans for mechanisation, but they were never fully carried out.

"'It is the same old story. Here is another defeat to blemish the record of our army, to which I have given my life. Our men fight well. I will not listen to anything to the contrary. We fought your tanks for 17 hours, but we could do nothing with machine-guns and hand-grenades against 12-ton tanks.'"

Axis Bomber Losses In Mediterranean

FROM PAGE ONE

40 aircraft were destroyed or damaged in the first raid alone. In two raids, several hangars were damaged.

The Chief British problem in combating the German menace is possession of sufficient land and shore-based fighters. Already the Germans have had to bring into service their own fighters to protect the Junkers 87 and to employ other bombers.

Control of Inland Sea

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The Near East war, in which German dive-bombers and British troops have shared the limelight, continued to hold attention to-day as bad weather drew a screen over the war in the west.

The German air force, seeking to aid Italy by gaining control over the central Mediterranean waters, made another attack on the British naval base of Malta to-day, according to Berlin reports.

Hitherto no account of the raid has been received from Malta direct, but apparently the Germans switched their attack back to the harbour after bombing R.A.F. aerodromes on Saturday.

German dive-bombers are now being protected by German and Italian fighters, and the Germans admit losing three more aircraft to R.A.F. fighters who, although outnumbered, shot down six in combat yesterday, making a total of at least 11 since Thursday.

Willkie Mentioned As Envoy To Britain

Washington, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—"I know nothing of it," said Mr Wendell Willkie to-day to newspapermen who questioned him about reports that he might be appointed Ambassador to London.

Mr Willkie then flew to Washington for a talk with Mr Cordell Hull before setting out for Britain. He added that while he was in Britain he hoped to gather information concerning the effects that the end of the war might have on British and American economy.

Petain Receives Pro-Axis Laval

FROM PAGE ONE

Vice-Premier, are now smoothed out. No further indication is given in official quarters concerning the subject of Petain's talk with Laval.

Observers at Vichy believe, however, states the "Havas" agency, that the meeting will have a political sequel shortly. The meeting took place in a chateau in the Allier Department.

Nazis Silent

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The German radio made no mention of any meeting having taken place to-day between Hitler and Mussolini.

Nothing Known

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in authoritative circles in London of any meeting between Hitler and Mussolini to-day.

Meeting Likely

ZURICH, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The report originating in Rome press circles that Hitler and Mussolini are to meet in Germany to-day or to-morrow, is not confirmed from either Axis capital but political circles regard early renewal of Dictator conversations as probable in view of the changed situation in the Mediteranean after the sweeping Anglo-Greek victories.

The extent of additional help from Germany to her battered ally will doubtless form the basis of discussion.

ITALIANS RETREATING

FROM PAGE ONE

day night, was again raided on Friday night.

A huge fire, states an R.A.F. communique, was caused near the petrol dumps. Other damage could not be observed owing to the weather conditions but all bombs fell well in the target area.

One Italian bomber was shot down by an Australian squadron.

R.A.F. operations in Italian East Africa on the same night included the bombing of a large transport yard in Assab, military buildings at Hargeisa in British Somaliland, an enemy camp five miles east of Umm Haggar, where fires were started, and of Asmara.

One British fighter failed to return from patrol in Libya.

LATE NEWS

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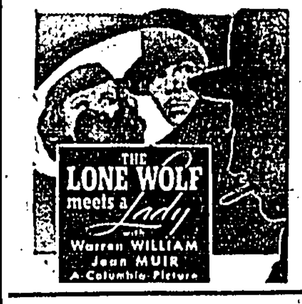

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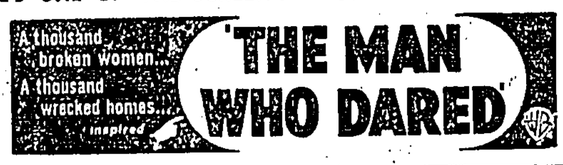

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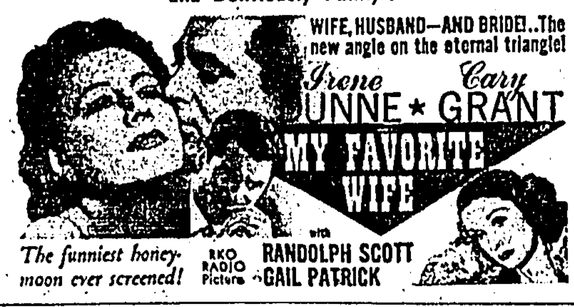

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The Democratic State Committee reported receipts of $451,263 and disbursements of $430,083.

Among expense items listed by Republicans was one of $655.40 paid to Gen. Hugh S. Johnson for a speech

COUNCIL MEMBERS

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. Mr Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jnr., to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for a further period of four years with effect from January 17.

Subject to His Majesty's pleasure His Excellency the Officer Administrating the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr Li Tse-fong to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council vice Dr Li Shu-fan with effect from January 17.

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ITALIANS RETREATING: BRITISH SUCCESSES ON THE SUDAN FRONT

CAIRO, JAN. 19 (REUTER).—FRESH SUCCESSES FOR BRITISH FORCES IN AFRICA WERE ANNOUNCED TO-DAY WITH THE RE-OCCUPATION OF THE STRONGLY-DEFENDED POST OF KASSALA ON THE BORDER OF THE ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SUDAN AND ITALIAN ERITREA, AND THE PURSUIT OF ITALIAN TROOPS WHO ARE "ON THE RUN."

A communique states: "Our troops have re-occupied Kassala. By intensive patrols over a period of a week, our troops at low cost to themselves have inflicted daily casualties on the enemy, who has been forced to evacuate strongly-defended positions in and around Kassala.

"Italian troops all along this front are retreating, pursued and harassed by our mobile detachments."

British pressure on the borders of Abyssinia—inside which Abyssinian patriots are active—continues with "active patrolling in the Metamma region and Gallabat," according to the communique.

Libyan Front Unchanged

It is officially stated that there is no change in the situation in Libya and that there is nothing of importance to report in Kenya.

The Italians occupied Kassala, which actually lies 18 miles north of the Eritrean frontier, in July last. Since November, operations by British and Indian troops have been taking place in the hills north-east of Kassala with a view to threatening the right flank of the Italian force holding Kassala.

R.A.F. Operations

CAIRO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Tobruk, against which the R.A.F. resumed the air offensive on Thurs-

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A WATCH WHICH NEVER LAGS

Britain's watch of the skies never lags. Day and night the skywatchers of anti-aircraft batteries are on duty. Here we see two of the men using night glasses and an identifying telescope. They are the key-men in a system of defence which is becoming increasingly difficult for the Nazi raiders to penetrate.

Thailanders Occupy Towns In Indo-China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Jan. 19 (UP).—A High Command communique states that Thai and French planes exchanged bombing raids on Friday night, while Thai forces on the northeastern frontier occupied Champasuch and Ponthong.

There is nothing to report on the Aranya sector.

A French plane raided Chantaburi on Friday night but the bombs caused no damage.

Thai planes retaliated against military objectives in Indo-China, including the barracks at Packlai. All the planes returned safely.

Meanwhile, the the Ministry of Interior announces that officials have been sent to Aranya to take over the administration in the occupied territories of Indo China.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAIGON, Jan. 19 (UP).—It is officially reported that yesterday, French troops operating in co-operation with speedboats in a strong action re-occupied Donesanot Island in the Mekong, 42 miles south of Savannakhet.

French artillery destroyed the strong Thai base at Danmouk opposite Savannakhet.

Last night French planes made a revenge raid on Thaikon, Kammarat

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Burma Rd Bridges Bombed

Sunday Attack By Japanese Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AN INDO-CHINA BASE, Jan. 19 (Domei).—Winging their way deep into Yunnan Province, a formation of Japanese naval bombers to-day bombed the new Kungkuo bridge spanning the Omchu in the upper reaches of the Mekong River.

The Japanese naval aircraft also subjected the tin refineries at Kokiu in southeastern Yunnan Province to severe bombing.

The new Kungkuo bridge is situated about 300 yards downstream from the original suspension span.

According to participants in the attack, hits were scored on the bridge supports causing extensive damage. The Chinese appeared to be relying upon rafts to ferry goods being transported on the Burma route, as both the Kungkuo bridges were apparently unusable as the result of previous bombings.

RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Last Night's Visitations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 19 (UP).—At 7.30 p.m. the anti-aircraft guns opened up on German raiders over London. The early burst of gunfire was apparently caused by the presence of a single plane.

At 7.50 p.m. raiders were over a west England town. At 9.30 p.m. raiders were over a West Midlands town and an East Anglian town. At 10.10 p.m. the gunfire surged up after a prolonged period of quiet.

Raiders were also over a south coast town but the attack was reported not to be serious. At 10.20 p.m. a large number of raiders showered incendiary bombs on a southeast coast town, but fire watchers quickly extinguished many of them.

Raider Blows Up?

Raiders crossed the southeast coast at several points. Searchlights scoured the skies and anti-aircraft guns blazed. Once, a brilliant red flash lit up the sky for many miles and explosions were heard a few seconds later. It is believed a raider was hit and blew up in mid-air.

An Air Ministry communique states that British fighters shot down an enemy bomber over the Channel this afternoon. The bad weather

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Macao Race Tragedy

H.K. Jockey Thrown And Killed

Mr H. L. Poon, a Hongkong jockey, was fatally injured as a result of an accident in the first race run at Macao yesterday, while Mr F. L. Marcal, another jockey, was seriously injured and now lies in hospital at Macao.

The cause of the accident was a pony named Geordie, which broke away after the start of the race and threw Mr Marcal his rider. The pony then collided with Radium Star, owned and being ridden by Mr Poon. The jockey was heavily thrown and he died late last night in the Macao hospital as a result of internal injuries.

This was the first race in Macao in which the late Mr Poon had taken part.

After the race the Stewards held an enquiry and found that no blame could be attached to anyone for the accident.

It is recalled that Geordie was the pony which once threw Mr G. W. Sewell at Happy Valley.

Holy Land Raided

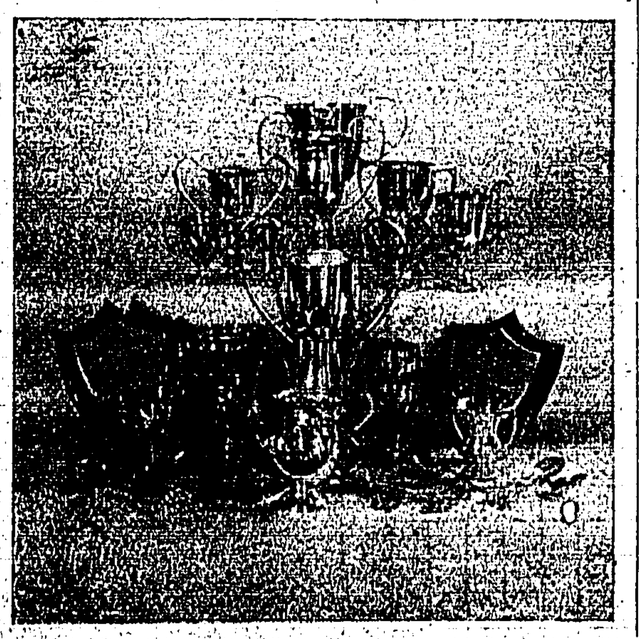
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TELAVIV, Jan. 19 (UP).—Six enemy raiders flew over the Holy Land in the bright moonlight early on Saturday morning and dropped a number of bombs on open ground.

It was the first time during the war that the population of Telaviv left their beds at the sound of air raid sirens.

MORE TROPHIES FOR BOMBER FUND

The 18 cups, two shields, five medals and eight spoons which have been donated to the War Fund by Mr A. W. Salter and his son Mr C. L. Salter. Old silverware; jewellery etc., may be sent to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, J. Ullmann & Co. or Messrs. Sennet Freres, who will melt it down free of charge, and hand the proceeds to the Fund.



LATEST

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Petain Receives Pro-Axis Laval Into Favour Again

VICHY, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Marshal Petain received M. Laval yesterday and that all misunderstandings which led to the incidents of December 13, when M. Laval resigned from his post as Vice-Premier, have now been smoothed out.

Two Important Moves

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Two moves of possible far-reaching political significance were reported from Vichy to-day.

They referred firstly to the reported forthcoming meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, and secondly to a conversation between Marshal Petain and his former Foreign Minister, M. Laval.

A Berne dispatch to the "Havas" agency says that according to newspaper reports in the Swiss capital, Hitler has left Berlin for an unknown destination.

The dispatch adds that well-informed sources in Berne state that Mussolini has also left Rome.

Political Sequel

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Axis Bomber Losses In Mediterranean War

("Reuter's" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm have put up such opposition to the German air threat in the Mediterranean that the Luftwaffe, in the short space of eight days, has been forced to change its tactics.

German fighters are now in action besides the Stuka dive-bombers and other bombers also in operation.

These changes are revealed by the Axis High Commands' own versions of the joint air operations. For example, on January 10 Junker 87 dive-bombers were accompanied by Italian torpedo-bombers in an attack on a British convoy in the Sicilian Channel.

On January 15 and 16 heavy raids on Malta were made by Junkers 88 as well as 87 dive-bombers, which were accompanied by Italian fighters.

On January 17 single German bombers, presumably the long-range type, attacked targets in the Suez Canal by night.

Aerodromes Raided

On January 18, German dive-bombers and other bombers again attacked Malta and this time German as well as Italian fighters escorted the raiders.

The objective in the last raid on Malta were the R.A.F. aerodromes. This plan of attack follows that adopted by the Luftwaffe over England last summer after British fighters had forced German dive-bombers to abandon attacks on convoys in the English Channel.

Hurricane fighters shot down five dive-bombers over Malta yesterday. Last Thursday they also destroyed five raiding aircraft while five others fell to anti-aircraft gunners.

In the initial blow at the British Mediterranean Fleet on December 10, the raiding formation was not escorted by fighters. As a result, 12 planes were brought down, chiefly by Fleet Air Arm fighters. Three British warships were hit.

Heavy Blow At Catania

On Sunday night and again later in the week, R.A.F. bombers heavily raided Catania airport in Sicily, one of the Nazi bases. Between 30 and

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EUROPEANS HELD BY JAPANESE

Hongkong Vicar In Border Incident

The Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Mr A. S. Potter and Miss Hansey, a nurse from the Queen Mary Hospital, were held in Japanese custody from yesterday afternoon until midnight in the garrison post at Shataukok.

The party equipped with hikers' packs had unintentionally wandered over into Chinese territory where they were picked up by Japanese military police and detained at Shataukok while the British authorities were informed.

Major C. V. Boxer, who is attached to the China Command and speaks Japanese fluently, went to the border and conducted negotiations with the Japanese authorities, and explanations were made which the Japanese accepted, and the party later released.

Indo-Burma Trade

RANGOON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—It is learned that negotiations for a new Indo-Burma trade agreement will commence at New Delhi on February 1.

The Burmese delegation will be led by the Premier.

Two Dead In Manila Fire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Jan. 19 (UP).—Fire destroyed a two-storey building housing four business establishments in Manila to-day.

A four-year-old Chinese girl, Felisa Tan and Indian salesman, Rai Basarmala, 22 years of age were killed in the blaze.

The loss of property and merchandise is estimated at 762,000 pesos.

Heavy Raids Yesterday On Malta

Two Churches Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MALTA, Jan. 19 (UP).—Spectacular large scale raids were made on Sunday. Fifteen enemy planes were brought down and one British fighter was lost.

There was considerable damage to civilian property. A 400-year-old church was hit for the second time within 48 hours. Another parish church was also hit.

Meanwhile it is confirmed that seven Junker 87s were brought down by anti-aircraft guns. The Germans dive-bombed and attacked in continuous waves. Three raids were made in quick succession. Government property was damaged and there were a few casualties, but no deaths.

Two British fighters were brought down but the pilot of one was saved before the raider himself was brought down. Anti-aircraft batteries claimed four hits.

Malta Emerges from Blitz

CAIRO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Damage to R.A.F. property in the German air raid on Malta yesterday was not of a serious nature, states an R.A.F. communique issued here.

British fighters which intercepted a large raiding force were greatly outnumbered. Nevertheless, they shot down six of the raiders and badly damaged a number of others.

As announced at Malta, two British fighters were lost but one pilot was saved.

The German aircraft were Junkers 87 and 88 bombers.

Vichy Will Not Give In To Thailand Claims

VICHY, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—France is determined to defend the integrity of Indo-China, declares "Le Temps," commenting on fighting between French and Thai troops on the Indo-China border.

The newspaper declares that Thai's attempt to "realise her territorial claims" cannot be justified either historically or by legal right based on treaties, and adds that "Thai must not think that France, though conquered, will give up everything. Indo-China is being defended and will be defended in all circumstances, whatever they may be."

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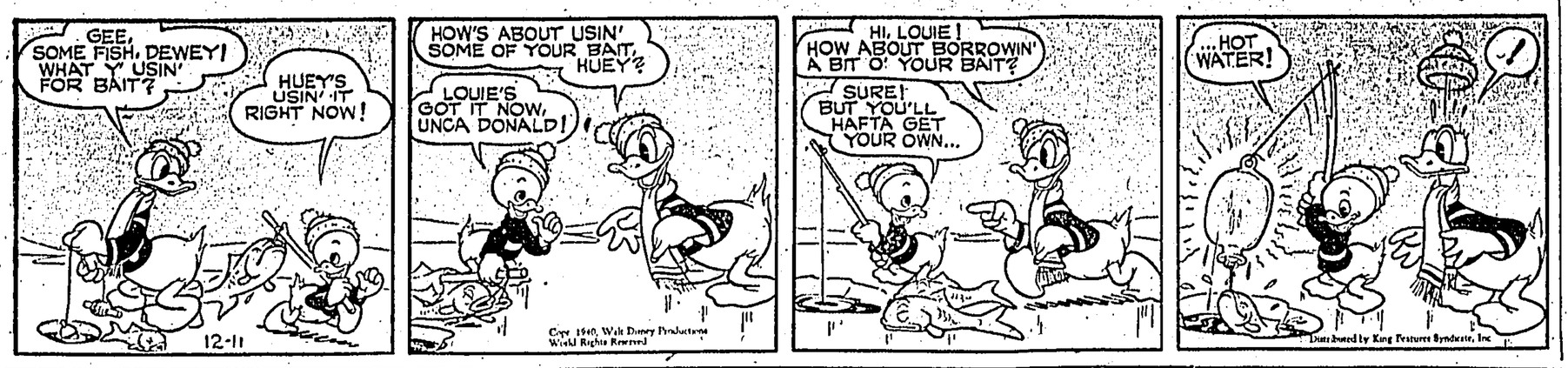

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1.13 Musical Comedy Selections.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
7.0 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour.'
7.30 Compositions of Elgar.
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Studio—Special Centenary Programme.
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The effect of this order is that any stocks held in the Colony become liable to duty and holders of such stocks in amounts exceeding 1,000 gallons are requested to report the existence of these stocks to me within 7 days.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Superintendent of Imports and Exports.
18th January, 1941.

DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

The attention of all owners of soda fountains is drawn to an order published to-day under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance. The effect of this order is that soda fountains become factories under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance. Owners of soda fountains are requested to register their premises within 7 days.

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G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Rural Building Lot No. 441.	Island Road, near Stanley.	as per sale plan.				About 13,700.	$180	$3,955

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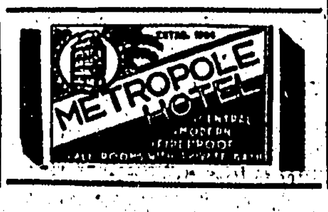
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 7	Castle Peak.	as per sale plan.				About 34,450	$250	$4,723

The wedding took place at the Registry on Saturday, before Mr T. S. Whyte-Smith Registrar, of Mr James Percival Whitham, insurance manager, and Miss Beatrice Lenola Brouwer, secretary, of 4 St John's Apartments. The witnesses were Messrs A. E. Southard and W. G. Pirie.



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3	Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 8.	Castle Peak.	as per sale plan.				About 34,450	$250	$4,723

Former Resident Passes On

Mr Harold Green

Many residents of the Colony will learn with regret of the death of Mr Harold Green, former Superintendent of the Hongkong Botanical and Forestry Department, who passed away in England on January 14 after a sudden operation. News to this effect was received by cable on Saturday, but no further details are known. As a mark of respect for Mr Green and of appreciation of his services to Hongkong, the office of the Botanical and Forestry Department is closed to-day.

Mr Green left for Home on leave prior to retirement in July 1937, and a few months later Mr F. Flippance was appointed his successor. Prior to his departure, Mr. Green was guest of honour at a cocktail party in the Hongkong Hotel given by the Committee of the Horticultural Society, of which he had been a member for a number of years, and was presented with a suitably inscribed silver cigar box; and a fortnight later was given a farewell party by his staff and employees of his Department, and later a Chinese dinner, in token of the esteem with which he was held by them. Over a hundred gathered at the party, including Chinese who had come from all parts of the New Territories.

Retiring at the age of fifty, when Government authorised a reduction of the term of qualification by five years, Mr Green looked forward to a long period of rest after his 26 years' service, and with Mrs Green and their young son and daughter, had settled down in the country within easy reach of London and Kew Gardens, where he had so many early ties.

MEDICAL RELIEF TERRITORIES ASSOCIATION FIGURES FOR LAST YEAR

During 1940, the New Territories Relief Association attended 144,083 cases, of which 93,743 were new ones and 1,542 were maternity cases. Of the total number, 958 were sent to hospital.

Doctors attended 16,915 cases and paid 2,505 visits to homes, while Government doctors attended 583 cases. During the same period, 15,001 persons were vaccinated; and 6,201 malaria cases were treated.

The Ambulance attached to the Haw Par Accident Station attended 1,806 calls and carried 1,649 patients. It covered 13,706 miles. The out-patients' department dealt with 8,005 new cases and 4,322 old cases.

Subscribers and donors to the New Territories Relief Association are respectfully invited to renew their annual support.

Bomber Fund Flag Day Sales

Money Comes Pouring In

The Bomber Fund Flag Day, on Saturday, was a great success, and it is probable that nearly $10,000 has been received from the street sales.

The demand for flags exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Hongkong War Effort Committee, the majority of sellers disposing of their "bomber badges" before 9.30 a.m. Flags were rushed back from some of the outlying districts in order to help cope with the city rush, and a few ladies were thus enabled to continue selling until shortly before noon.

That the public responded generously was indicated by the number of five and ten dollar notes, the highest contribution being one of one hundred dollars. Foreign currencies were represented by U.S. Gold dollars, Sterling, pesos, piastres and Japanese coinage. There was also an English postal-order. It was estimated by the checkers that silver and copper coinage weighed well over two hundredweight. The response from Kowloon was especially good.

The task of opening the boxes and checking the contents was in charge of Mr J. A. Ritchie (who was responsible for the organisation of the Flag Day) assisted by Mr A. Seth and Mrs Brostedt and a staff of Chinese helpers.

Several boxes have yet to come in from outlying districts, but the preliminary check indicates that between $9,000 and $10,000 has been raised for the Bomber Fund. On account of the bulk of the collection, the money was placed in Police custody over the week-end. Fully $5,700 was received in the form of banknotes.

Flag sellers were drawn from the Nursing Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, the Women's Section of the Air Raids Precaution Department, whose green uniforms were very prominent at the Ferry wharves and at main street crossings, and members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service. They all worked enthusiastically for the cause.

War Fund Raffle

The special raffle which is being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee to raise money for the purchase of bombers, promises to establish a record, judging from the offers of additional prizes which are being received from leading firms and individuals.

In the meantime, the office which has been placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Star Ferry Company, is busily engaged with the preliminary work, and hopes to be able to announce further particulars shortly. The whole of the work is being done voluntarily, and no charge whatever will be levied against the Fund.

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NO EVACUEES RETURNING

A British ship arrived from Australia on Saturday with one passenger, Mrs E. B. Booten, from Manila. No passengers boarded the ship from Australian ports for Hongkong.

Asked if they knew anything about a number of Hongkong evacuees returning to the Colony, the ship's officers said they knew nothing about it.

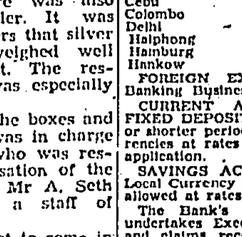
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Consisting of animal life
5—Not costly
10—Epic narrative
14—Same name (obsolete)
15—River in France
16—Baby-carriage (col.)
17—Inert gas
18—Ancient Roman language
19—Portion
20—Ask advice of
22—Lip-sounds
24—Follow as consequence
26—Milk
27—Meeting place
30—Untidy women
33—Holds tightly
37—Arabian name
38—Bench
39—Rodent
40—Drinks frequently
43—Large bird
44—Middle of March
46—Form of matter
47—Waited upon
49—Publicly accuses
52—Vibrating units in certain musical instruments
53—Girl's name
54—Removes
56—Ungrateful one
60—Ceases to practice
64—Anger
65—Living in city

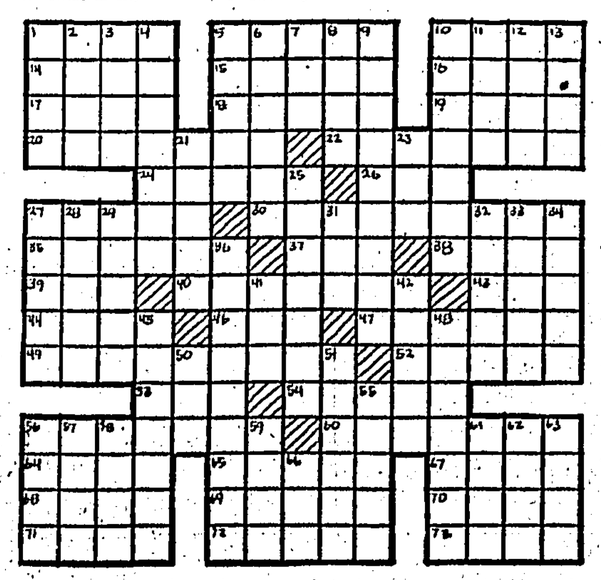
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



67—Death
68—Medicinal plant
69—Course
70—Sea eagle
71—Information
72—City in Germany
73—Subtle

DOWN

1—Metal
2—Oleomargarine
3—Religious image
4—Thuribles
5—Names
6—Chasm
7—Is (French)
8—Indigo dye
9—Punishments
10—Joins ropes
11—Extent
12—Celt
13—Danish subdivisions
21—Inappropriate
23—Club
25—Passed
27—Biting
28—Clearing in woods
29—Made of oats
31—Everybody
32—Female ruff
33—Nominated
34—Shirt buttons
36—Name signed
41—Kind of mocassin
42—Withers
45—Evening receptions
48—Started again
50—Personification of truth in "Faerie Queene"
51—Dignified
55—Flax cloth
58—Persia
57—River in Africa
58—Shine softly
59—God of love
61—Painful
62—Sea eagle
63—Dance movement
66—Carry-all



POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries a suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 15th January. .....Jan. 22.
Australia and Manila .....Jan. 22.
Canton .....Jan. 22.
Java and Manila .....Jan. 23.
Sandakan .....Jan. 23.
United Kingdom and Straits Jan. 25.
Calcutta and Straits .....Jan. 25.
Swatow .....Jan. 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 10th January) .....Jan. 26.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st January .....Jan. 28.
Calcutta and Straits .....Jan. 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (San Francisco date 17th January) .....Feb. 8.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 20
Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourence Marques, and South Africa via Durban .....2.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels, ...Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
Letters, ...Jan. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21
Manila, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney.
K. P. O.
Parcels .....Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
Reg. .....Jan. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels .....Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
Reg. .....Jan. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 21, 7.00 p.m.
Haiphong .....3.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 22, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 22, 7.00 p.m.
Canton .....7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
Kowloon P. O.
Reg., ...Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 23, 6.00 p.m.
Straits .....7.00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24
Formosa .....3.30 p.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 24, 4 p.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and United-Kingdom.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels, ...Jan. 24, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., ...Jan. 25, 9.45 a.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and *United Kingdom via San Francisco
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg., ...Jan. 25, 5 p.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 26
Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul and Tulagi .....8.30 a.m.
Canton .....5 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 28, 11 a.m.
Rangoon and Calcutta .....Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and South Africa .....Noon.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg., ...Jan. 28, 11.15 a.m.
Ord., ...Jan. 28, Noon.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."
K.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 28, Noon.
Ord., ...Jan. 28, Noon.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Jan. 28, Noon.
Ord., ...Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 30
Sandakan .....8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta
Parcels .....Jan. 30, 11 a.m.
Letters.....Jan. 30, Noon.
Friday, Jan. 31
Sandakan .....8.30 a.m.
*Superscribed Correspondence Only.

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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Sunday

January 12

Temperature Drops. The cold snap which descended on the Colony to-day made the day one if the coldest this winter, which except for one or two days, has so far been comparatively mild.

There was a drop of eight degrees compared with Saturday's maximum figure of 69 degrees. The Minimum recorded yesterday was 59.1 degrees at 7 p.m. The temperature then rose a few points towards midnight, though still remaining below 60. Yesterday's maximum was 65 degrees.

A steady rainfall during the greater part of the day made conditions unpleasant, and many sporting fixtures had to be cancelled. In the 12 hours ended at 10.30 p.m. to-day 0.335 inch of rain fell.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

Then there are the office bums who think you've got matches to burn.

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Lord Lloyd, Colonial Secretary, is likely to become Lord Chancellor. Then our husbands can start all over again!

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"Revolting Abyssinians," says a poster. Tut, tut! Surely all men are equal and brothers (barring the Axis Powers)?

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The wife isn't coming out with me in the car for a while. She caught a cold and can't drive above a whisper.

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Government has now limited the premium on saam-foon-looks to 1%. And that's going to cause a weeping, wailing and gnashing of abacusses.

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In Baseball they keep account of the performances of every player on the field. Reminding us that the game came from the United Statistates.

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And next time the Society for the Protection of Children has a Flower Day, it might remember that babies and flowers are supposed to be things of beauty and joys forever.

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A reader writes to beg that we stop printing the Women's Page and the Sports Page back to back. Homes are being wrecked: the breakfast wrangle is liable to keep up all day. It might be worse: there might be a comic strip.

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Now there's a War Fund plan for a war memorial park, a mile square, each subscriber to buy a square yard at $1 and have his name on a tablet. That means three million names—to be carved, printed or cast. Wouldn't it be more profitable to invite the public to the Botanic Gardens and let 'em carve their own names on a tree at a dollar a time? Or would the community prefer another War Memorial Hospital?

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Mary had a pair of skates
Went on the ice to frisk.
Wasn't she a silly girl
Her little •

• • •

A young ensign, very insistent he must have leave, was asked the reason by his commanding officer.

"My wife is expecting a baby," he replied.

"Listen, young man, remember this—you are only necessary at the laying of the keel. For the launching you are entirely superfluous."

Former Governor's Son Weds. The marriage took place at St Peter's, Limpsfield, Surrey, of Flying Officer Cresswell Montagu Clementi, R.A.F. V.R., only son of Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi, of Holmer Court, Holmer Green, Bucks, and Miss Susan Pelham, youngest daughter of Sir Henry and the Hon. Lady Pelham, of Currant Hill, Westerham. The Rev. E. A. Newman and the Rev. C. Steer officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin with a train of old family lace and a headdress of orange-blossom. Her pearl necklace was a gift of the bridegroom and she carried a sheaf of Harrisii lilies. Patrick Sandars (nephew of the bride) was the only child attendant and he wore long white velvet trousers with a satin shirt and carried a wand with a sprig of white heather tied to the top. The grown-up attendants were Miss Jean Edwards and Miss A. Clementi (sister of the bridegroom). They wore picture frocks of white velvet with headdresses of eucharist lilies, and their bouquets were of eucharist lilies and gold leaves. Mr Ronald Atkin was best man. The reception was held at Hoskyns Arms, Oxted.

Sir Cecil Clementi was formerly Governor of Hongkong and his children are well remembered here.

Monday

January 13

Bomber Fund Raffle. The Hongkong War Effort Committee has been fortunate in securing the voluntary services of Mr S. A. Seth in connection with the Monster Raffle now being organised in aid of the Bomber Fund. Mr Seth, who is a chartered secretary well known throughout the Far East generally, will supervise the issuing of tickets and the accounting work. The office previously used by the Hongkong Travel Bureau on the Star Ferry Wharf, Connaught Road, has been placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Company, and tickets will only be issued to sellers, Clubs, etc., from this centre.

There is a considerable amount of preliminary work to be completed before tickets will be offered to the public, both with regard to the printing of the tickets, account books and other necessary items, and in the preparation of the prize list. Many firms have come forward and offered valuable prizes in addition to the Sunbeam-Talbot Sports Car given by Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd, and it is hoped to publish an advance list within the next few days.

Police Launch In Gun Duel. The No. 1 Police Launch on Sunday engaged three junks in Mirs Bay and, following a firing duel the crews, believed to be pirates, ran their vessels ashore and took to the hills.

A British destroyer was despatched to the scene of the fighting about 7 p.m. the same day, but it is not known if she took part in the fighting.

The Police are confident that the men are part of the gang which made on organised attack on Ping Chau Island last week, taking away considerable loot and 200 elders and merchants who are being held for ransom.

The Police launch arrived at Taipo early this morning with three pirate junks in tow, the pirates having made good their escape.

The pirates were previously reported to have been well equipped with modern small arms so they would be able to put some show against the Police launch which carries a small cannon forward.

Colony's Chess. K. M. A. Barnett, Colony Chess champion, is not defending his title. Entries for the Senior Chess Championship are C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, E. Zimmern, K. Weiss, L. Karpovich and G. S. Coxhead. Zimmern, it will be recalled, was runner-up last year to Barnett.

Considerable progress has been made in the Senior and Junior Championships of the Kowloon Chess Club. The two events are each divided into "A" and "B" Sections and section winners will play the best of three games to decide the titles.

The field is fairly open in the "A" Section of the Senior Championship where both Sequeira and Karprovich have scored 5½ points each, although the former has a game in hand. In the "B" Section it looks very much like a victory for Carvalho, who has 6½ points in eight games, Biriukoff, his nearest rival, having scored 5 points in nine games.

V. V. Kolatchoff and J. Grefalda are vieing of for honours in the "A" section of the Junior Championship, while S. Benjamin, who has obtained 6 points in seven games, look a certain winner of "B" section.

To Aid China War Work. Two young men who graduated from the University of Hongkong last year have answered the call for volunteer doctors by the Chinese Red Cross Medical Relief Corps, which is the field organisation of the Chinese Red Cross, and will be leaving for the Red Cross Headquarters in Kweiyang shortly with a quantity of medical supplies. They will be working under the direction of Dr Robert Lim.

The volunteers are Dr G. M. Abraham, son of Mr R. Abraham, well-known local sharebroker; and Dr Ho Hung-chiu, grandson of Sir Robert Ho Tung. They are being financed by the Hongkong University Union Chinese Medical Relief Association.

Another volunteer, Dr T. F. Kok, is also expected to leave for the interior of China shortly on war relief work.

The recent bombing of Waichow by the Japanese, when the Catholic Hospital was destroyed and about 500 people wounded or killed, has resulted in Dr Andrew Sporrer being sent to Waichow by the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China. Dr Sporrer left Hongkong on Sunday, and it is possible that he may be assisted by Drs Abraham and Ho when they pass through Waichow on their way to Kweiyang.

Other Hongkong University graduates who are now connected with the Chinese Red Cross in the interior are Dr K. K. Cheng, Dr Eva Ho Tung, and Dr Sze.

Tuesday

January 14

Ferries Collide And Sink. Prompt action by Sergeant Medley of No. 7 Police Launch probably prevented any loss of life when two ferries belonging to the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Co., Ltd, collided in the harbour at 12.25 p.m.

The ferries were the Man Shing, proceeding from Kowloon City to Hongkong with about 100 passengers, and the Man Ping, en route to Hunghom from Hongkong with about 50 passengers. The accident occurred near Holt's Wharf when the two ferries tried to avoid hitting a sampan, the Man Shing's bow crashing into the starboard side of the Man Ping.

Apart from the crew of the sampan, who were taken to Kowloon Hospital suffering from the effects of immersion, no persons have been reported drowned or injured.

Evacuation Test Case. An action to test the legality of the regulation prohibiting British women from coming to Hongkong was brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court to-day when Mabel Evelyn Blair, of Broadwood Road, cited as defendants Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, and Mr E. C. Luscombe, Acting Superintendent of Police.

The writ of summons stated the plaintiff's claims to be—

(a) for a declaration that Regulation No. 3 of Defence (Entry Restrictions) Regulations, so far as it applies to British subjects resident in the Colony, is *ultra vires*, void and of no effect;

(b) alternatively, a declaration that the defendants have no power under Regulation No. 6 (b) of the said Regulations to compel the plaintiff to leave the Colony against her will;

(c) an injunction to restrain the defendants or any police officer authorised by the first defendant from taking action against the plaintiff under the said regulations;

(d) such further or other relief as shall be just; and (e) costs.

Hon. Mr Leo d'Almada, Jnr, instructed by E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co., appeared for plaintiff, and defendants were represented by Mr H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. W. Davies, Crown Solicitor.

The Chief Justice reserved his judgment, but stated that owing to the importance of the issues he would deliver his decision in writing on January 21.

Review Of The Principal Topics January 12 To Jan. 18

Wednesday

January 15

League Badminton. Four matches were played in "B" Division of the Badminton League to-night, most notable results being the victories of St John's and Kowloon Cricket Club.

Following were the scores:

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Chung Wah by 8 games to 1.

A. B. Pollak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.) lost to C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy 9—21; lost to P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21—23, lost to F. S. Li and S. C. Liang 5—21.

L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.) lost to Chiu and Choy 5—21; lost to Leung and Chiu 16—21; lost to Li and Liang 10—21.

D. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.) lost to Chiu and Choy 5—21; lost to Leung and Chiu 12—21; beat Li and Liang 21—0.

Playing at home, Kowloon Tong lost to St John's by 6 games to 3.

Peter Lo and Joe Tsang (Kowloon Tong) lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 18—21; beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21—9; lost to H. Eardley and D. Kwok 4—21.

J. A. Chen and N. A. E. Mackay (Kowloon Tong) lost to Smith and Wilson 6—21; beat Maynard and Ladd 21—9; lost to Eardley and Kwok 3—21.

P. E. Lo and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong) lost to Smith and Wilson 16—21; beat Maynard and Ladd—21—7; lost to Eardley and Kwok 3—21.

At King's Park Recreio beat Victoria Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2.

P. P. Botelho and K. A. Yvanovich Jr (Recreio) lost to D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn 22—24; beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21—13; beat F. Castro and A. A. Remedios 21—13.

E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio) beat Xavier and Rumjahn 21—16; beat Basto and Soares 21—3; beat Castro and Remedios 21—8.

A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio) lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 16—21; beat Basto and Soares 21—11; beat Castro and Remedios 21—17.

Kowloon Cricket Club beat St Andrew's by 5 games to 4.

A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St Andrew's lost to A. E. P. Guest and D. Hazell, 16-21; lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat H. S. Jones and J. L. Anderson, 21-14.

T. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St Andrew's) beat Guest and Hazell, 21-18; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 10-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-15.

M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St Andrew's) lost to Guest and Hazell, 21-13; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-14.

Former Resident Wounded. A former Hongkong resident, Mr John Greaves, who enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at the outbreak of war, was among the Empire troops that took part in the recent fighting in the Western Desert.

News has just been received in the Colony that he was injured in action on Chrsitmas Eve.

Born in Shanghai, young John Greaves is the eldest son of the late Mr Cecil K. Greaves, who was a member of the firm of A. S. Watson and Co. in the northern port for more than 30 years. He studied at the Shanghai Public School, and played football regularly for Erin Villa and the Shanghai Recreation Club.

Coming to Hongkong in 1937, he joined the "Hongkong Daily Press" and later M. Berahn and Co., and left for Australian in 1939.

Mr Greaves has a brother, two sisters and other relations in the Colony.

Thursday

January 16

The 1941-42 Budget.—A new tax on table waters and further increases in rates and in the duties on heavy oils, liquors, entertainment and estates and increased postage rates to meet part of anticipated deficit of roughly $7,500,000 for the coming year were mentioned by the Hon Mr H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary, at a meeting of the Legislative Council to-day, when he introduced the draft estimates of expenditure for 1941-42. These taxes, he said, would yield approximately $3,000,000 and to meet the remaining deficit he suggested an increase in war taxation, for which purpose it was proposed that the War Revenue Committee be re-constituted to re-examine the matter.

Government entered the year 1940 with a general reserve of $17,091,179 and a public debt of $27,000,000. Most of the reserve had already been expended as advances in anticipation of loans, and the real reserve now amounted to about $7,000,000.

The estimated expenditure for the coming year amounts in all to $62,309,776, inclusive of $12,300,274 specially classed as war expenditure, while the estimated revenue is about $54,836,000—$45,536,000 from ordinary sources and $9,300,000 from war taxation.

In framing the estimates, said Mr Butters, there had been two major considerations—defence and social services. The major items in the defence budget for next year are $4,000,000 for the construction of air raid shelters and $5,220,000 for the building of vessels to be presented to the Admiralty and War Department.

As regards social services which, the Financial Secretary submitted, must not be allowed to lag behind nor even to stand still, the estimates include provisions for a Fisheries Research Station, an Experimental Agricultural Station in the New Territories, the daily collection of nightsoil from the tenements in the urban area by labour directly employed by the Sanitary Department, an Infectious Diseases Hospital, a new mortuary and disinfection station in Kowloon, a new block for the Central Police Station, and new Police Stations at Kowloon Tong and Blue Pool Road.

New Duties.—New and increased duties on liquor and fuel oil were announced in *Government Gazette Extraordinary* today. The new duties, which came into force yesterday, are as follows, with the old ones in brackets:

Liqueurs, Champagne and other sparkling wines.—Empire origin, $18 ($14.25); other origin, $26 (same).

Brandy.—Empire origin, $16 (0.25); other origin, $24 ($20).

Gin, Whisky and other spirituous liquors.—Hongkong origin, $16 (free); Empire origin, $16 ($12.50); other origin, $24 ($20).

Port, Sherry and Maderia.—Empire origin, $10 ($7.50); other origin, $15 ($12).

Other still wines.—Empire origin, $8 ($6.25); other origin, $12 (10).

Cider and Perry.—Empire origin, $1 (80 cents); other origin, $1.50 (80 cents).

Concentrated Beer in whatever form, whether ale basis, or malt and hops concentrate, or otherwise.—Hongkong origin, 60 cents (60 cents); Empire origin, $1.20 (60 cents); other origin, $1.60 ($1).

Other Beer, except Cider and Perry, not exceeding 1.055 degrees original gravity. Hongkong origin, 60 cents (70 cents); Empire origin, $1.20 (same); other origin, $1.60 (same).

Chinese type liquor.—Hongkong origin, $2 ($1.50); Empire origin, $2 ($1.75); other origin, $3 ($1.75).

Sake.—Hongkong origin, $2 ($1.50); Empire origin, $2 ($1.50); other origin $3 ($1.50).

Liquors other than intoxicating liquors but excluding spirits of wine or arrack.—Hongkong origin, $2 ($1.50); Empire origin, $2 ($1.50); other $3 ($1.50).

Spirits of wine or arrack.—Hongkong origin, $2; Empire origin, $2; Other origin, $3.

Hydrocarbon Oils.—New duties on hydrocarbon oils are.—Lights oils, 80 cents (60 cents); Heavy oils to be used as fuel for any heavy oil road traffic, 40 cents (30 cents); other hydrocarbon oils, 10 cents (free).

Table Waters.—A new duty of 24 cents per gallon is imposed on table waters, which includes any aerated waters and any beverages sold or kept for sale in bottles, other than syrups or other liquids intended to be consumed only in a diluted form.

Putting Stop To Nuisance.—Moving the first reading of "A Bill to amend the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919," at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Attorney General the Hon. Mr C. G. Alabaster, said: The object of this Bill is to put an end to a nuisance which is explained in the Memorandum of Object and Reasons. The practice of block-booking is well-known throughout the world, and in many places it is more convenient for customers to buy their tickets at an agency than to travel some distance and wait at the entrance of a theatre till the booking office is open. But here, as explained in the final paragraph of the Memorandum, it has become a racket and something more than a ramp; it has resulted in several assaults on members of the public and even in a street murder outside a theatre.

It has a very distant connection with finance as well, because under the Entertainment Tax Ordinance, the tax varies with the price paid for admission, and the price paid for admission when paid to these touts is never the price on which we can base the entertainment tax.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Entertainment Tax.—The Attorney General also moved the first reading of "A Bill to amend the Entertainments Tax Ordinance, 1930."

He said: This is in substitution of the Bill which was read at the end of last year and passed its first reading only. It is to the same effect except that it reduces the price of tickets free from duty to four cents. Under the Ordinance it is 20 cents, and it was proposed under the earlier Bill to reduce it to 17 cents. It is now proposed to reduce the price to four cents so that this Council, when it passes the resolution, will have a free hand to tax any admission price from five cents upwards.

Seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill was read a first time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the following Bill was passed through its final stages: "A Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance 1912."

Resolution Of Loyalty.—A resolution, renewing the expression of the Colony's loyalty to the Throne on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, was moved by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, at a meeting of the Legislative Council to-day.

His Excellency said, "With the approval of the Council I propose that the following message be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for transmission to His Majesty the King, timing it so that if he graciously pleases to send us a reply we should get it in time for the centenary celebrations. The form of the resolution I suggest is 'That the Legislative Council of this Colony, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Colony's foundation, humbly renews the expression of its loyalty to the Throne, and its devotion to the Empire's cause.'"

(Applause).

The Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson: I have very great pleasure in seconding that.

The Hon. Mr M. K. Lo: On behalf of my Chinese colleagues and myself, I desire most respectfully to associate ourselves with the resolution.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Friday

January 17

Hongkong Wedding. Cream satin cut on simple lines, with a bodice and sleeves of cream Nottingham lace, was the lovely wedding gown worn by Miss Elsie Jean Lammert to-day when she became the bride of Mr Harold Denison Bidwell at St Joseph's Church. Her tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, and for a bouquet she carried a sheaf of arum lilies.

The Rev. Fr G. Byrne officiated, and the Rev. Fr A. Rigatti was at the organ, with Miss Elvie Yuen as soloist.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. E. Lammert of Hongkong. Owing to the evacuation scheme Mrs Lammert and her youngest daughter were unable to attend the ceremony, as they are in Australia.

The bridegroom is the only son of Mrs Bidwell and the late Mr C. S. V. Bidwell, of No. 43 Tunsin Road, Shanghai. Mrs Bidwell was also unable to attend the ceremony as (in view of the evacuation scheme) she was not able to obtain a permit to enter the Colony.

Miss Isa Lammert, the bride's sister, was the bridesmaid, and wore a frock of blue crepe with three-quarter sleeves embroidered with silver beads. Her bullet cap was also embroidered with silver beads and was trimmed with a shoulder-length veil. Pastel shades of sweet peas composed her bouquet.

Mr L. E. Lammert gave his daughter away, while Mr H. van Leeuwen, of the Java-China-Japan-Liju acted as best man.

A largely attended reception was held later in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel. Mrs Bidwell changed into a mulberry toned wool dress and jacket with brown accessories when the happy couple left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay.

Fire-Watchers for H.K. The formation of a new body, 3,000 strong, as fire-watchers and fire-fighters, was announced by the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, to-day. He also appealed for 400 volunteers to act as tunnel wardens in the air raid tunnel shelters.

The scheme for the formation of the new body was to group a number of houses together, and to get the inhabitants to supply the necessary men to form a party who will be able to tackle any fires caused by incendiaries at once, and to prevent a big outbreak.

"The organisation for obtaining these men has not yet been completed, but is now being worked out," said Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins. "I am confident I shall have as good a response as I have had for other A.R.P. services.

"It is also necessary to organise about 400 men and women who will be employed as tunnel wardens and be responsible for seeing that passages are kept clear, that people are moved into the tunnels, and only the necessary number compatible with safety are allowed inside."

Any man or woman wishing to join this force, known as the Fire-Watchers' Corps or Tunnel Wardens' Corps, is asked to send his or her name and address to the A.R.P. Headquarters as soon as possible.

Anderson Shelters

Wind-Comdr Steele-Perkins also announced that many more Anderson shelters are now available for sale to the general public. The shelters cost $145 each, but intending purchasers will have to pay the cost of transport from Kowloon to their place of residence.

Hongkong Man Missing. Pilot Officer W. E. Peers, well known Hongkong resident, is at present missing, according to a cable from the Air Ministry received in Hongkong to-night. The cable said Pilot Officer Peers was reported missing during enemy action on the night of January 15-16.

Pilot Officer Peers, who was familiarly known as "Andy," was a member of the staff of the Hongkong Electric Company until shortly after the war began when he volunteered for service in the R.A.F. He was a prominent rugby player.

Mrs Peers, his wife, who is still in Colony, is at present indisposed.

Education report due to a further influx of both Chinese and Europeans brought about by unsettled conditions in China, the maximum enrolment in all classes of schools in 1939 reached a new record of 118,193, an increase of 14,059 over the enrolment of the previous year, which was itself a record, according to the annual report of the Education Department tabled before the Legislative Council on Thursday.

The report disclosed that discipline was good in all schools, but in some there was still too much passive listening. As regards the health of the pupils, dental disease formed the largest group of defects, with short sight next in frequency.

Another £2,000 for Bombers. A cheque for $32,000.81, being the equivalent of £2,000 was handed to the Hongkong Government this morning for telegraphic transfer to the British Government. This makes the 17th. instalment remitted to London from the War Fund inaugurated by "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph" for the purchase of bombers. At 4 p.m. yesterday the Fund had reached a total of $1,845,525.00, the Sterling total remitted to London now stands at £96,389-10-0.

Saturday

January 18

Centenary Celebrations. The Centenary celebrations of Hongkong began shortly after eight o'clock to-night with broadcast talks by community leaders from ZBW, headed by an address by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton.

His Excellency reviewed the progress and development of the Colony during the last hundred years, referred briefly to the growth of London as an industrial centre and drew an analogy between the two trade centres, pointing out that both had the same geographical advantages, and that the Chinese, who had contributed so much in the development of Hongkong, had the same qualities of business acumen and integrity which enabled the Englishman to develop London to its pre-eminent position in world commerce.

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall followed with a talk on "Anglo-Chinese Co-operation—Past, Present and Future" in which he dwelt at length on the great industrial potential of the Colony, and the spirit of healthy and friendly rivalry that existed between the British and Chinese in all spheres of public life.

League Cricket. Heavy drizzle interfered with to-day's League and friendly Cricket fixtures four of the seven games being abandoned after half an hour's play, and one game not being started at all. The only matches played without interruption were the two between Recreio and University in the First and Second divisions.

The Civil Service versus Police game at Happy Valley was not started at all, while on a neighbouring ground in 20 minutes' play the Indian R.C. Seniors scored 41 for one, K. M. Rumjahn being bowled by Ismail for 6 and A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar being undefeated with 18 and 9, respectively, against Craigengower.

The Army started their innings against Kowloon C.C. at Spokunpoo, in a friendly game, and had scored 25 for 2 when play was stopped by a heavy drizzle.

In another friendly on the I.R.C. ground between the Indian Juniors and Royal Engineers, Ratcliffe of the Sappers had scored 20 not out, when the game had to be abandoned.

Skipworth was bowled by Baker for a "duck" and Alec Pearce and Allison were batting for Hongkong Cricket Club against Royal Artillery, at Chater Road, when rain stopped play.

Bomber Fund Flag Day. The Bomber Fund Flag Day was a great success, and it is probable that nearly $10,000 has been received from the street sales.

The demand for flags exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Hongkong War Effort Committee, the majority of sellers disposing of their "bomber badges" before 9.30 a.m. Flags were rushed back from some of the outlying districts in order to help cope with the city rush, and a few ladies were thus enabled to continue selling until shortly before noon.

That the public responded generously was indicated by the number of five and ten dollar notes, the highest contribution being one of one hundred dollars. Foreign currencies were represented by U.S. Gold dollars, Sterling pesos, piastres and Japanese coinage. There was also an English postal-order. It was estimated by the checkers that silver and copper coinage weighed well over two hundredweight. The response from Kowloon was specially good.

The task of opening the boxes and checking the contents was in charge of Mr J. A. Ritchie (who was responsible for the organisation of the Flag Day, assisted by Mr A. Seth and Mrs Brostedt and a staff of Chinese helpers.

Several boxes have yet to come in from outlying districts but the preliminary check indicates that between $9,000 and $10,000 has been raised for the Bomber Fund. On account of the bulk of the collection, the money was placed in Police custody over the week-end. Fully $5,700 was received in the form of banknotes.

Fing sellers were drawn from the Nursing Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, the Women's Section of the Air Raids Precaution Department, whose green uniforms were very prominent at the Ferry wharves and at main street crossings, and members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service. They all worked enthusiastically for the cause.

League Football. To-day's results in the Hongkong Football League were as follows:

First Division

Police	2	Club	1
Eastern	2	South China	3
*Middlesex		*Kowloon	
Kwong Wah	4	Navy	1
Royal Scots	1	Sing Tao	5

Second Division

South China	5	Police	3
Navy	3	Club	2
R.A.O.C.	1	30th R.A.	2

Third Division

R.E.	0	R.A.F.	8
35th R.A.	2	Shell	1
R.A.M.C.	3	A.S.A.	1
*24th R.A.		*20th R.A.	
7th R.A.	4	International	2
Signals	3	12th R.A.	2

Junior Shield

Royal Scots	1	Chinese A.S.C.	4
Middlesex	3	R.A.S.C.	0
Engineers	6	Kowloon	0

* Postponed.

THE "CUP THAT CHEERS" AT THE K.C.C.

A late night and a heavy day was the lot of the K.C.C. Entertainments Sub-Committee over the New Year, and after they had finished their task of carrying through a first-rate carnival dance and then a special tea and concert for the kiddies, the members of the committee sat down to enjoy a quiet cup of tea. Here they are caught by the "Telegraph's" cameraman: Messrs. F. Burch, Vic Labrum, Teddy Fincher, Captain Cecil Houghton and Mr Tommy Carr.

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MASKS AND FACES

THE subterranean night life that has been imposed upon many people in Britain's large towns has compelled the medical profession to give attention to new or semi-new means of combating the spread of disease in shelters during the winter months.

The use of face masks to ward off the dangers of "droplet" infection from people who cough and sneeze has been mentioned as a promising method of approach to the problem. Masks, it is said, are already available in considerable numbers. It may, therefore be expected that these will be provided by a beneficent Government for all who want them, as have been gas-masks, and as will be, in the near future, earplugs to produce tympanic security during air raids.

The common cold has for long been looked upon as an insoluble problem. Whether really earnest endeavours have been made to solve it has sometimes been doubted. Cynics have suggested that without the common cold and its sequelae many practitioners would not be able to keep the wolf from the door. It is a debatable point.

But if masks are desirable as a protection against coughs and sneeze in air-raid shelters, are they not also necessary in railway trains and other public means of transit, in theatres and cinemas, in shops and factories, in the home and in the street—everywhere, in fact?

A good case could be made out for every member of the populace being carefully masked at all times during the more inclement half of the year. Whether there would be a corresponding slump in the incidence of the common cold and its cronies, who could tell? Possibly the germ is as tough as the British people themselves—the result of long association and mutual respect.

GREECED LIGHTNING!!!

WHY GREECE WENT TO WAR

by Robert Mackay

It was fitting that Greece, "Mother of all democracy", should refuse to sacrifice her independence at the behest of a dictator.

It was in the great Greek tradition that her people should prefer the hazards of war to submission to slavery. A small nation, successfully devoting its attention to its own social and economic development, and unable to build up powerful armaments, is specially marked down as their victims by the predatory Powers. The latter, as Mr Cordell Hull recently put it, are trying to reduce the nations of the civilised world to the degradation of the relationship of slaves to masters.

Yet Greece refused to submit. In his message to the Greek people the King said: "There are doubtless hard trials to be borne." The Greek people is fully aware of them. Nevertheless it has bravely chosen to resist foes of superior numbers and military preparation. That action is symbolic. It is not only an act of courage worthy of an heroic past. It is an act of faith: of confidence in the future.

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It was that sober confidence to which the British Monarch gave expression in his message, when he said that both the Greek and the British peoples would meet the hard trials of the future "in the firm faith that ultimate victory is assured by the ever-increasing strength of the free peoples." For what does Greek action betoken? Nothing less than this: the Balkan peoples, hemmed in though they are by the totalitarian Powers, believe in a British victory. So do all free peoples, more especially since the Dunkirk episode. Dunkirk was not merely a strategic withdrawal of British troops from the Continent of Europe. Much less was it, as the Germans fondly supposed, the beginning of the end of British resistance. Dunkirk was a new dawn. It marked the opening of a new chapter that their magnificent organism was intact. It convinced them that though they would for many long months have to bear, single-handed, the brunt of the military effort by air, sea and land, yet they had both the courage and the means to do it.

Dunkirk gave them renewed confidence in themselves, in their capacity to endure and in their ability to mobilise all their forces to fight until the final victory.

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Germany is fully aware—as is her satellite, Italy—that Great Britain is the formidable obstacle opposing the enslavement of free peoples. That is why Germany has not hesitated to declare, with the applause of Italy, that her objective is to "eliminate Great Britain". In accepting that challenge, the British people have gathered fresh confidence at every stage of the war: not only from their successes, but also from the reverses which have deprived them of the effective co-operation of their Allies.

Above all, their confidence has never wavered in the justice of the cause for which they are fighting. Nor has their conviction ceased to grow that all free peoples will become daily more aware of the real issues at stake.

Practical evidence of this aspect is to be seen in the fact that it is London which the leading men of the once free countries of Europe have chosen as the centre from which they may all, within the measure of means, collaborate in preparing for the common victory.

Leaders of Poland and Norway, Holland and Czechoslovakia, as well as the representatives of free Belgians and free French, are all assembled in London, working for the freedom of their countrymen from German tyranny.

There is something symbolic in that circumstance. It is not merely that these statesmen have confidence in the might of the British Empire and in the British ability to restore liberty to enslaved countries. It is that they have faith in the political ideals of the British people, and in the democratic principles and processes which the British people place at the service of those ideals. That is a spontaneous recognition of the value of the collaboration of the British nation in restoring independence to those who have lost it. It is an expression of confidence in the profoundly human meaning of the victory that will crown the efforts of Great Britain and her collaborators.

The dogged British courage which converted the dark hours of Dunkirk into a glorious epic was inspired by faith, the same faith which steeled the British people to resist a possible invasion and withstand, grimly and gaily, the shock of indiscriminate bombardment. It is that unconquerable spirit which has enabled the British airmen to carry the war constantly and deeply into Nazi country.

This unshaken confidence of the British people is bearing fruit: it is an inspiration to all free peoples. Recently, more than 100 delegates from widely separated parts of the British Empire are taking part in a Conference in India. Their object is to co-ordinate the production of war supplies in Empire countries, east and south of Suez. This is a remarkable sign of the unity of purpose of the free peoples of the British Commonwealth. In a message to the Conference, Mr Winston Churchill said that people in England would "find fresh encouragement in your labours, and look to the day when the forces created by our efforts both in the east and west advance together for the final overthrow of the powers of evil."

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The task of civilisation is a common one: it is to save civilisation. In that task, nothing has contributed more effectively to fortify the spirit of all free peoples than the sober and unwavering confidence of the British people in themselves and their cause. It is because she believed in the final victory, in which the whole British Commonwealth is confident, that Greece decided to resist the wanton aggression of those who would enslave her. It is because the cause to which Great Britain has dedicated herself is a universal cause, a service to humanity, that all free peoples are rallying to her. For the British nation is not fighting for a peace of her own making: she is fighting for a peace which shall ensure the freedom of all.

THE MERE MAN

How to Balance the Budget

I envy Mr Butters his position. As Financial Secretary, he can cast about and look for means to secure revenue whenever the Government is short of money, and once his proposals are passed none of us dares refuse to pay. But when a mere man finds it difficult to balance his budget, he cannot make a small levy here and another there without cries of "touch" or "thief." That is where my envy enters—and often I have wished I were more of a wizard at figures so that I might be appointed guardian of the finances of some Pacific island and have my own back.

Seriously, however, it must be said that the Financial Secretary has introduced a very sound budget for the next year, and it is unlikely that the proposals will meet with any resistance.

It is somewhat reassuring to discover that the Government has not lost sight of Hongkong's social needs, though it frankly admits that in the present situation there can be little expectation of being able to solve each and every problem.

It is a disappointment, however, that the Government has shown little willingness to give active consideration to the question of employing more local people in the higher grades of service. It is high time that the policy be re-examined, and much more so when there is a large deficit and economies must be effected.

James Joyce

Writers of letters to the editor have taken up the subject of James Joyce's English, and it seems that there is some relief that the language is safer for Joyce's passing. It is easy to condemn, easiest of all when you cannot understand what you are supposed to judge, but it is erroneous to think, as some people do, that writers like Joyce deliberately adopted their style to hide the fact that they cannot write English. The same accusation has been made also against artists like Picasso.

I have never pretended to be able to understand Joyce, and have never had the time to take "Ulysses" to pieces to find out what the author is driving at. Yet, from reading his poems, I find that Joyce was able to write exceptionally good and exquisite English when he really wanted to. Take the following, "A Flower Given to My Daughter," written several years ago—is it not a gem?

Frail the white rose and frail are
Her hands that gave
Whose soul is sere and paler
Than time's wan wave.

Rosefrail and fair—yet frailest
A wonder wild
In gentle eyes thou veilest
My blueveined child.

—Claudius.

MUSSO on the SPOT

by Beverley Baxter M. P.

Well authenticated reports from Rome reveal that Mussolini is in a state of exasperation that finds vent in constant paroxysms of rage. In fact his medical advisers are urging him to rest and to calm himself for fear his health should be impaired.

Mussolini's exasperation is almost all embracing. He denounces his generals for failing to give him the victories he covets. He denounces his admirals for the long series of disasters to his beloved fleet culminating in the affair at Taranto where two battleships were destroyed and two cruisers crippled by the Fleet Air Arm of the British.

He is furious with the Greeks for resisting and deeply depressed by the loss of his crack Alpine Division.

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In desperation, and seeking to restore his waning prestige, he has been sending Italian bombers to attack London. On Armistice Day, 18 of them came over, escorted by a large number of German fighters. Two squadrons of British Spitfires and Hurricanes went up as a reception committee. The ceremony lasted exactly 15 minutes when the five surviving Italian machines made off for France with the Germans politely leading the way.

That night the British pilots who had not lost a single machine drank two toasts: "To our comrades of the last war" and "To Italians—may they come again soon."

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Mussolini has declared to his intimates that the German escort fighters left his bombers to their fate. In fact the whole incident has strengthened his suspicion that Hitler intends to throw him to the wolves—or rather to the lion—and play for a partnership with France instead. Mussolini is deeply resentful of Hitler's assumption that Germany is the centre of the Axis around which the others merely revolve.

Even if all that were not enough Mussolini's complexion is darkened still more by his conviction that Ciano is not showing him that respect due to a man who is at once his Duce and his father-in-law. Certainly Ciano has not tried to hide his disapproval of the military appointments made by Mussolini and the barrenness of their achievements.

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The entire Fascist Party in fact is gravely concerned with the news from inside as well as outside Italy. The Government has endeavoured to give as little depressing news as possible with the result that rumour, always a lively element among Italians, is making thinks appear worse even than they are.

More than twenty Italian submarines have put to sea and never returned. The relatives of the unfortunate crews are demanding news that is denied to them and tempers are rising.

Food is costly and by no means abundant. The petrol supplies, despite Britain's easy-going tolerance in the first eight months of the war, are running low. Finally there is the discouragement of the repeated warning in the Italian Press that the war will be long and difficult.

Filipinos Say Raiders Fitted Out In Japan

MANILA, Jan. 20 (Reuter).—The "Manila Bulletin" to-day gives prominence to stories from 98 Filipino survivors of three British vessels sunk by German raiders in the Pacific in December, stating that there are 12 German raiders in the Pacific and that 12 more are being fitted out in Japanese ports.

These survivors, landed last night, described the three raiders which they saw. They said that two are armed with heavy calibre guns and that any of the three could hold its own against a light cruiser.

The Narvik, a vessel of about 10,000 tons, was called a black ship without any identification marks, carrying 12 four and eight-inch guns with two torpedo tubes, two dive-bombers and three Heinkels. The ship is capable of 22 knots.

The survivors told vivid stories of their ordeal and said that they were well treated.

Disguised Ships

The other two raiders were both disguised as Japanese and named Tokio Maru and Manyo Maru, of 10,000 and 5,000 tons respectively.

The Manyo Maru is also heavily armed while the Tokio Maru serves as a supply ship.

Rumanian Generals To Lose Corsets

General Antonescu, the new dictator of Rumania, has issued a confidential order to all army corps commanders, instructing them to take stern disciplinary steps at once to see that in future officers do not:—

Wear corsets;

Use beauty preparations or cosmetics.

He makes it known that he wants Rumanian officers to be more manly and less effeminate than they have been in the past.

Since before the last war it has always been the custom for Rumanian officers to wear corsets, to give them that "smart cavalry figure" so much sought after in the drawing-rooms and salons of Bucharest, reports "The People."

If they want to keep their figures now, General Antonescu says, they must do it by indulging in hard work and regular physical exercise.

Lipstick and Perfume

Lipstick was also regularly used by Rumanian officers—not only on parade, but while walking about the streets of the capital.

Perfume was also a regular part of the equipment of the officer class.

The new order may cause some heartburning among the young bloods of the crack Guards regiments, but the General is going to see that it is enforced, all the same.

PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS USES LUXURY YACHT

The American luxury yacht, Southern Seas, which will be used as a floating hotel at Noumea, New Caledonia, for passengers flying across the Pacific Ocean by the Pan-American Airways service, recently arrived in Sydney for alterations before going into service.

According to Harold Gatty, representative for Pan-American Airways in the South Pacific, the decision to use the Southern Seas as a hotel had been made because of the indefinite political situation in New Caledonia, and because adequate hotel facilities were not available in Noumea for the overnight stop of the Clipper on the San Francisco-Auckland run.

The Southern Seas, which is sailing under the flag of the Republic of Panama, is nominally owned by Panama Airways, a subsidiary of Pan-American Airways. It was formerly owned by newspaper magnate Cyrus K. Curtis. Diesel driven, it is of 826 tons gross. It had been laid up in New York for nearly ten years before Pan-American Airways took it over.

Willkie Mentioned As Envoy To Britain

Washington, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—"I know nothing of it," said Mr Wendell Willkie to-day to newspapermen who questioned him about reports that he might be appointed Ambassador to London.

Mr Willkie then flew to Washington for a talk with Mr Cordell Hull before setting out for Britain. He added that while he was in Britain he hoped to gather information concerning the effects that the end of the war might have on British and American economy.

£25,000,000 MEAT DEAL

Britain has reached agreement with Argentina for the purchase of more than £25,000,000 worth of ment over a year.

Officials say that final approval of the contract is a matter of a short time only.

This huge order is said to include 450,000 tons of fresh meat, 70,000 tons of corned beef, 330,000 tons of frozen meat, 25,000 tons of offal and 10,000 tons of pork.

Memorial Service For Chief Scout

Cathedral Ceremony

A memorial service for the late Rt Hon. Lord Baden-Powell, Chief Scout, was held at St John's Cathedral yesterday, the Very Rev. Dean Wilson conducting the service, which was attended by Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from every part of the Colony.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, attended and was accompanied by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith. Others noticed included the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, the Hon. Mr W. N. Thomas Tam, Mr C. G. Sollis, and the Rev. George May.

Among the Boy Scout and Girl Guide officials attending were Mr C. Champkin, Deputy Colony Commissioner, Mr G. S. P. Heywood, Assistant Commissioner for Rovers, Mr D. A. Pockson, Assistant Commissioner and Honorary Secretary, Mrs F. E. E. Booker, Assistant Commissioner for Wolf Cubs, and Miss J. W. J. Buckwell, Colony Commissioner for Girl Guides.

'New Odour' In Osaka Zoo

A chimpanzee in the Tennoji Zoo in Osaka has petitioned the authorities to have his foreign name "Lloyd" changed to a Japanese name more in keeping with the "new order in Asia" and the "new structure" in Japan, according to an article in the "Nichi Nichi."

The director of the Zoo has heeded Lloyd's appeal and has advertised for suggestions, the only requirement being that the name be 100% Japanese.

It appears that the chimpanzee created a commotion recently by suddenly appearing decked out in the new "people's uniforms' which ultra-patriots have recommended for each and every Japanese man, woman and child.

The article in the Osaka paper said that Lloyd was proud of his good fortune in being in Japan, regards himself a native son, hence wants to discard his foreign name for a purely Japanese name in keeping with the trend of the times.

RECOVERS FROM WOUNDS

Shanghai Man, Well-Known In Hongkong

His many friends here and in Shanghai will be glad to learn that Trooper Jack Sheridan of the 6th. Australian Cavalry, who was recently wounded in the fighting around Bardia, has now completely recovered and is back on duty at the Depot.

Sheridan comes of a well-known Irish family in Shanghai, who have been resident in the Northern port for many years.

It may be recalled that, shortly after the outbreak of the war, the Australian papers carried a story of Sheridan having walked a hundred miles through desert country to join up at the nearest recruiting station.

Palestine's First Night Raid

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The first night air raid on Palestine occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning in bright moonlight.

Two hostile planes dropped bombs on open country in southern Palestine but no damage or casualties were caused.

This is the first raid on Palestine since Haifa was attacked by day on September 29.

Brief Greek War Communiques

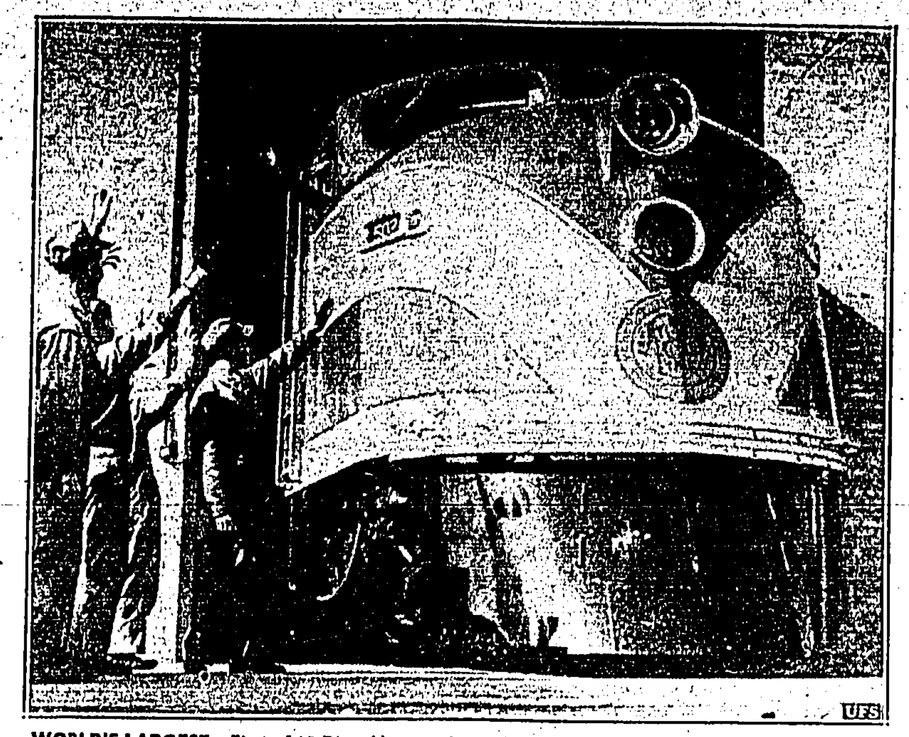
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Jan. 19 (UP).—The War Ministry communique to-day read: "There were limited local actions. Numerous planes were overhead. Abundant war materials were captured."

The Ministry of Public Security reported: "All is quiet in the interior."

Canton-Samshui Train Wreck

SHIUKWAN, Jan. 19 (Central News).—A westbound Japanese troop train on the Canton-Samshui Railway met with disaster on January 13 when it struck a mine laid by the Chinese near Fatshan. The locomotive and three coaches were wrecked and many Japanese were killed and wounded.



WORLD'S LARGEST—First of 18 Diesel locomotives rolls out of shed at La Grange, Ill., for Atlantic Coast Line railroad. Mass production was carried to new high when big machine was rushed to completion in 60 days of 24-hour shifts.

British Children Happy In New Canadian Homes

The British children who have been evacuated to Canada are rapidly becoming accustomed to the Canadian way of life and customs. Most of them are in homes where there are other children of about the same age. They are being dressed the same way, eat the same food, go to the same schools, play the same games and talk about the same things as their foster-brothers and sisters.

They have learned to play baseball, Canadian children's favourite summer game, and are looking forward to learning how to ski in the winter. Already some of the children who came to Canada early this summer cannot be distinguished from Canadian children except when they talk, when their English accent easily gives them away.

The British children at first had some difficulty with the slang expressions of the Canadians, but are now becoming almost as expert in using them as the Canadian children are. They no longer say "those boys," but "those guys." They do not say, "I don't believe you" when they doubt anything. They say "baloney!"

Government's Care

An elaborate and careful organisation had been created to look after the children brought out under the Government-sponsored scheme. The British Government delivered them to some Canadian port of entry. There the Canadian Government took charge of them, divided them into small parties suitably escorted, allocated them to different provinces on the basis either of the proportion of applications from each or in accordance with arrangements made with the British parents for some definite destination, and despatched them for a brief waiting period to the several provincial capitals.

There the children were kept for a few days rest from their travels. While a close medical watch was kept upon them to see that no communicable disease had been contracted on their ocean voyage, community groups co-operated in welcoming and entertaining them and accustoming them to their new environment.

After their period of waiting in the provincial capitals the children were dispersed to their new homes, which previously had been carefully inspected and approved by the provincial authorities.

Wards of the King

For purposes of guardianship, the children who came out under the joint auspices of the British and Canadian Governments have all been made wards of the King.

The homes and children are subject to periodic inspection by the authorities. Actually, however, the homes have been so carefully investigated beforehand that little practical necessity for these inspection exists. There have been no cases as yet of any children having landed into undesirable surroundings.

The welfare of the children brought to Canada privately is entirely in the hands of the families who have taken them in.

Many of the children arrived during the summer and have been more fortunate than those who arrived later in that they have been able to gradually acclimatise themselves to the Canadian weather, now growing colder as winter approaches. Many spent the summer in the country and are as tanned as nuts.

Canadians Disappointed

Few Federal projects that have ever been discontinued have occasioned the widespread disappointment that has been manifested from coast to coast in Canada over the sudden cessation of the influx of British children owing to the dangers of ocean travel. Each day's mail brings to the Government here hundreds of letters from families who cling to the hope that the children whom they were expecting to receive might have left the Old Land before the British Government halted the movement. The Federal authorities have no alternative but to announce to these homes the disappointment of their hopes—temporarily at least.

Out of well in excess, of 100,000 offers of homes for little British evacuees, Government officials state, the supply of children has been sufficient to actually accept less than 7,500.

Of this total, only between 1,500 and 1,600 have reached the Dominion under the auspices of the combined Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada. The balance have arrived as a result of private arrangements between their parents and individual Canadian families.

It is characteristic of the spirit that has enveloped the whole movement that the young evacuees, even in the official language used in Government administration, are referred to as "guest children," not as refugees.

Vichy Police Arrest 100 Soviet Agents

Vichy police acting to check the spread of Communist propaganda, have arrested more than 100 persons on charges of subversive activities, it was reported recently.

The arrests were made under the provisions of a Government decree dissolving the Communist Party in France and prohibiting propaganda.

Rotary Club Function

More than $8,000 was raised by the Rotary Club's successful dinner dance at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday for the fund to purchase ambulance and mobile canteens for Britain and China.

The dinner dance, which was the largest ever held at the Peninsula Hotel, was attended by 800 people. It was the first dinner dance held by the Rotary Club, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary on February 25.

The President of the Hongkong Rotary Club, Rotarian Dr. Arthur Woo received the guests.

The Rose Room and Roof Garden ballrooms were gaily decorated with 30 Rotary flags presented to the Hongkong Rotary Club by Clubs in all parts of the world.

RANKED AS IDIOTS

Since 1870 British women marrying aliens have been classed as lunatics and idiots, said Mrs Spiller of the Women's Freedom League. They demand a Bill to put their status right.

World's Fair Closes: Seen By Record Crowd

The New York World's Fair, which ended recently, was seen by more people than any exhibition in history, and Americans will long remember it as an intimation of the brave new world of to-morrow to which they look forward hopefully but which seems to have been made incredibly remote by Germany's reversion to barbarism.

In the course of its two seasons the Fair has been visited by approximately 55,000,000 people. The number who paid for admission is approximately 44,000,000 and is therefore well in excess of the two-year total, 38,626,000, achieved by Chicago's Century Progress Exhibition.

The financial side of the New York Fair, however, is not so bright. Its bondholders will receive a total for the two years of 38.4 per cent. of their original investment, but this causes little dissatisfaction, because 80 per cent. of the Fair's bonds are owned by the large exhibitors and concessionnaires, who feel they have got their money's worth.

Fair Grounds As Park

When the Fair's buildings have been demolished the ground will be transformed into a great public park which promises to be one of the city's brightest ornaments.

To guard against vandalism on the closing date 2,000 policemen and detectives were on duty to-day. To-morrow, though exhibits will not be open, visitors will be admitted to the grounds on payment of 10s. which will go to the American Red Cross.

Exhibits' Future

Many exhibits will remain in the United States. Thus the brilliantly coloured panels of the British Pavilion, showing famous coats of arms, are to be installed in the Library of Congress in Washington, which will also receive the genealogy of George Washington, tracing his descent from King John and the nine barons who signed Magna Carta.

The Lincoln copy of the Magna Carta will eventually be returned to England, but replicas of the Crown Jewels will be presented to the British-American Ambulance Corps to be taken on a nation-wide tour to raise funds for the Corps.

Exhibits in the Maritime Hall will probably be transferred to the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Virginia.

Fair Employees

The question of what will happen to the employees of many of the foreign pavilions is problematical, since they are either unable or unwilling to return home at this time.

A hundred Italian waiters now living on an Italian cargo boat off Philadelphia, are wondering where to go next. A bill which has been introduced in the House of Representatives would provide that foreign pavilion employees may become permanent residents of the United States.

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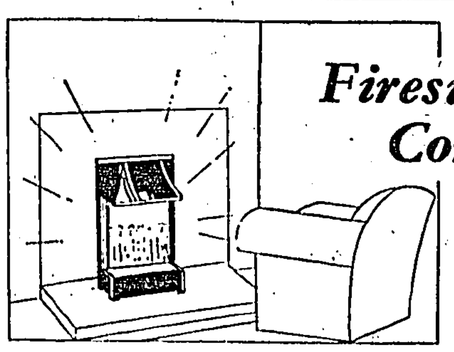

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Easy Victory For Sing Tao

Royal Scots Overwhelmed 5-1: "Hat-trick" For Lai Shiu-wing

(By "SCRAMBLER")

IN A DULL GAME, during which play was chiefly monopolised by Sing Tao, Royal Scots were defeated yesterday at Sookunpoo by five goals to one. The heavy conditions of the ground and the slippery state of the ball were not conducive to good football, but the Chinese were able to master conditions.

Stout-hearted Defence

Sing Tao fielded the same team that beat South China, and the machine-like movements of their forward line which were so much in evidence in their last game were again on view. The feature of the match was the stout-hearted defence of the Scots.

From the start there was only one team in the picture: Sing Tao settled down, and held a very firm grip on the play. Every man did what was required of him at the right moment and in the appointed place.

In the course of the whole game, Cheong Wing-choy had less than a dozen shots to deal with, and the only mistake he made was to allow a slippery ball to get past him. The pair of backs, Hou Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang, cleared and defended well, and their coverings of their front men were not only timely but well planned.

Again it was Sing Tao's intermediate trio that paved the way to an easy victory, where Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu and Soong Ling-sing dominated, and were always ready to lend a hand both in attack and defence. They allowed very little to get past them.

Sing Tao's quintette, Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kie and Ip Pak-wah indulged in some pretty movements, and whenever the wingers were on the move, they were dangerous. Both men sent across many beautiful centres, and played a very understanding game with their inside men. Fung King-cheung led his men well, and was the schemer in the forward line, often drawing the defence out to slip the ball to his inside men to score.

Scots Unsettled

THE Scots were unable to settle down to the conditions of the ground, with the result that Sing Tao had most of the game. Although they went very near on several occasions, the weak finishes of the forwards robbed them of at least two goals, yet at one period two shots which had the Chinese goalie beaten struck the upright and rebounded into play.

Bankier in goal gave a fine performance, and was instrumental in keeping the score down by timely judgment and daring saves. Naysmith and Fraser both cleared hard, but found the Chinese just that shade too fast and cunning for them. They had a lot of territory to cover, since their intermediate trio were unable to hold the nippy Chinese inside-forwards.

Parnaby was a tower of strength in the pivotal position, but despite his hard work, the middle line found the Chinese too good for them. Adamson and Clarke both had a great deal to do, and Clarke did not relish in the idea of keeping check on the fast moving Yeung Shui-yick whose centres invariably spelt danger.

Of the forwards, Marshall was the best, often going back to relieve when hard pressed, and at other times taking the ball up to his other forwards. He was not strongly supported by his other men, and Auld appeared to me to be too hasty in his stride. Both wingers were off colour, and were unable to put across any decent centres in the course of the whole game.

Never in Doubt

FROM the initial kick-off, the superiority of the Chinese were never in doubt, for from a sweeping movement along the left, Ip Pak-wah raced across to take a pot shot at goal. Bankier cleared and Kwok Ying-kie came up to score from close range. At the other end, a promising movement was nipped in the bud by Hou Yung-sang's timely clearance.

Sing Tao dominated play thereafter, and it was only the goalkeeping of Bankier and the fine play of the pair of backs that kept the score down. However the Chinese kept up an incessant attack, and Ip Pak-wah, obtaining possession, raced down to cut in and scored with a cross shot.

The Scots retaliated, and a shot taken by Marshall at goal struck the upright and went back to play. Again Bankier saved at the other end from the foot of Fung King-cheung, and with play transferred to midfield, Sing Tao's halves were always the masters of the situation. From a well conceived movement initiated by their leader, Ip Pak-wah sent across to Lai Shui-wing who directed the ball into the net from close in.

Undeterred by this goal, the Scots alternated play with long passes, and it was from the foot of Marshall that they reduced the arrears when this player's first time shot at goal was allowed to slip in by Cheong Wing-choy.

Clever Movements

AFTER the change-over, Sing Tao indulged in some clever passing, and every one of their movements was very well conceived. Play was getting duller due to the one-sided play, but the display of Bankier in goal somewhat kept the spark of interest alive.

In the course of the second half, Cheong Wing-choy was rarely called upon to perform, thanks to the keen watch kept on the Scots' forwards by his front men. Although kept in their own half for the greater part of the game, Scots made several abortive spasmodic raids, and in one of their repulses, Young Shui-yick centred for Lai Shui-wing to score his second goal.

Thereafter, the Scots were content in keeping the Chinese out, although if Garrie had been able to dispose of the ball on more than one occasion, they might have been able to reduce the score.

Ip Pak-wah had only the goalie to beat when his shot struck the cross bar. Bankier did well to save immediately from the foot of Lai Shui-wing.

With play confined to the Scots' half, it was not long before Sing Tao scored again, as from another of those well-thought-out movements, Lai Shui-wing scored to complete his "hat-trick."

ROYAL SCOTS: Bankier; Naysmith, Fraser; Adamson, Parnaby, Clarke; Garrie, Marshall, Auld, Munroe, Swan.

SING TAO: Cheong Wing-choy; Hou Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kie, Ip Pak-wah.

League Tables

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China ..	16	12	2	2	48	19	26
Sing Tao	16	12	2	2	45	20	26
Eastern	16	11	3	2	51	27	25
Middlesex	15	7	2	6	33	35	16
Kwong Wah ..	16	4	4	8	37	45	12
Kowloon	12	4	3	5	19	25	11
Navy	14	3	5	6	30	30	11
Police	14	5	1	8	25	35	11
Royal Scots ...	14	3	2	9	23	27	8
Club	12	3	1	8	22	40	7
St Joseph's ...	15	2	3	10	17	34	7

Second Division

Engineers	15	13	2	0	73	14	28
South China ..	16	10	4	2	67	14	24
Middlesex	17	10	3	4	55	31	23
R.A.S.C.	15	10	2	3	72	25	22
Sing Tao	15	9	3	3	47	22	21
Navy	17	9	2	6	45	41	20
Royal Scots ...	16	9	1	6	43	27	19
30th R.A.	18	7	4	7	45	40	18
Kit Chee	16	7	2	7	34	47	16
Kwong Wah ..	17	5	3	9	27	45	13
R.A.O.C.	15	4	2	9	23	41	10
Police	17	2	1	14	22	71	5
Club	15	1	1	13	17	78	3
Kowloon	15	0	2	13	16	81	2

Third Division

R.A.F.	15	12	2	1	45	15	26
Signals	16	10	4	2	38	18	24
12th R.A.	17	8	5	4	41	25	21
30th R.A.	15	9	2	4	40	20	20
R.A.M.C.	15	7	2	6	29	42	16
24th R.A.	15	6	3	6	32	22	15
Engineers	15	7	1	7	39	27	15
7th R.A.	16	6	3	7	30	30	15
35th R.A.	13	5	3	5	26	29	13
International ..	14	5	2	7	29	28	12
20th R.A.	14	5	2	7	26	38	12
Shell	14	1	3	10	12	43	5
A.S.A.	14	0	0	14	5	62	0

Cricket

Best Week-end Batting And Bowling Feats

RAIN WASHED out several of the cricket matches over the week-end, but of those played, the following were the outstanding performers (L—League, F—Friendly):

BATTING

*E. L. Gosano (Rec.) L	81
M. A. Remedios (Rec.) L	44

* Not Out.

BOWLING

P. M. N. Silva (Rec.) L	6 for 18
Mazura (Univ.) L	4 for 15
S. A. Gray (K.C.C.) F ..	4 for 3
J. W. Bertram (K.C.C.) F	3 for 14

SCOTLAND V. WALES

One of the moments of action during the Scotland v. Wales International Tournament rugby match on Saturday. A. J. G. Taylor (Scotland) has just got rid of the ball before being tackled.—*Ming Yuen.*

International Final

Ireland Defeated 8-0: Wales Trounced 31-0

(By "Fly-Half")

WITH CONDITIONS IDEAL underfoot, and despite a slight drizzle which fell throughout the afternoon, some keen rugby was witnessed at Causeway Bay on Saturday when England beat Ireland 8 points (a goal and a try) to nil, and Scotland trounced Wales 31 points (two goals and seven tries) to nil in the International Tournament.

PLUCKY DISPLAY BY HOPKINS

THE GAME between Scotland and Wales was marked by a plucky and serviceable display by Hopkins, the Welsh full-back, and the bouts of inter-passing in which the Scottish backs and forwards joined in.

Hopkins fielded the slippery ball in masterly manner and never failed to find touch although he was generally bowled over by the hefty Scots forwards.

Richards was a strong inside three for Wales who did more than his share. Honeywell, though not featuring in attack, gained rounds of applause by his over-taking of Macdonald and tackling of the Scottish winger when well set for a score.

Stark, Hughes and Walkden were the best of a hard-going but weak Welsh pack, which was up against the strongest pack in the tournament.

D. H. Taylor, at full-back for Scotland, was seldom in difficulties. He made one blunder when he fly-kicked and missed the ball completely.

Delightful Football

The Scottish threes, once they had settled down produced some delightful football reminiscent of the days when Grieve, Bidwell and Stewart used to weave their way upfield by inter-passing.

Stewart, on Saturday, playing his first senior game locally, as an inside three, was not a success for the first fifteen minutes when he could hold no passes, and when in possession ran at half-speed to pass out before drawing his man.

Then he ran into form going full out for the line and gave Macdonald some grand openings.

McGill was dangerous and found little difficulty in handling the ball. Thomson and Aitkenhead were safe halves with the nippy scrum-half forever there when an opening presented or when a recovering had to be made.

Millar was a stalwart Scottish forward, joining in the passing of the threes as well as carrying on in good dribbles amongst the forwards. Ford established a monopoly of the ball in the set scrums from the kick-off and never lost it.

Sutherland appeared to revel in the loose play where he was generally the first to fall on the ball to stem a Welsh dribble.

The Game

A pass back to Douglass by McGill led to the first Scottish try, which Watson failed to convert.

In a boot and rush attack, Pinkerton went over for a try which Aitkenhead failed to majorise. Then McGill and Macdonald scored further unconverted tries.

In the second half, Stewart, McGill and Thomson scored further unconverted tries which were followed up by a try by Douglass which Millar converted.

Pinkerton completed the Scottish scoring with another unconverted try.

Scotland.—D. H. Taylor; McGill, Douglass, Stewart and Macdonald; Aitkenhead and Thompson; Watson, Ford, Macrae; Millar, Sutherland; Kennedy, A. J. G. Taylor and Pinkerton.

Wales.—Hopkins; Moore, Richards, T. O. Morgan and Bevan; Honeywill and Morgan; Palmer, Lewis, Stockham; Benn, Stark; Hughes, Walkden and Turner.

A dashing display by the Irish forwards in the loose, who were aided by Carter's touch-kicking, prevented the much stronger English side from dominating the game. Despite the fact that Burford gained possession repeatedly by excellent hooking, the English threes made little ground with the slippery ball.

Paul might have kicked ahead to more advantage instead of trying to break through on his own. Charter held the greasy ball well, and tackled Carter in grand style. Day and Marsh seldom received the ball owing either to a dropped pass by the insides, Coombes and Paul, or to their being grassed in possession.

Bowden did yeoman service behind the scrum although he dodged about too much before passing out.

Strong Pack

A strong English pack were not allowed to settle down through the forceful tactics of the Irish pack, who kept the ball amongst the forwards as often as they could.

The weaker Irish backs played pluckily and tackled well with Giblin the only one able to break through, Rutherford and Carter, Navy halves, by keen tackling, kicking and falling on the ball, kept a good grip on the game to prevent the English backs from getting the upper hand.

Up forward, the rugged Irish pack deserve comment for their whole-hearted display, especially Callinan, Dempsey and Hynes.

The Game

A break-away by Bowden and a good pass to the English threes gave Paul an opportunity of which he made good use. His try close to the posts was converted by himself.

After a series of missed opportunities by the Englishmen and many last minute clearances by the Irish team, Paul went through to pass to Day who scored at the corner. Paul failed to convert.

England.—Thompson; Day, Paul, Coombes and Marsh; Charter and Bowden; Manfield, Burford, Heasman; King, Bompas; Wright-Nooth, Hewitt and Needham.

Ireland.—Morahan; Jackson, Giblin, Mullen and P. Wilson; Carter and Rutherford; Page, Callinan, Dempsey; Hackett, Thornhill, Stout, B. Hynes and Mohan.

WEEK-END GOLF COMPETITIONS

MISS SEQUEIRA WINS COUNTRY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

MISS A. SEQUEIRA, winner of the Ladies Cup, yesterday secured the women's championship of the Country Club, Sheungshui, beating Mrs F. E. A. Remedios 3 and 1.

Captain's Cup

First round matches in the Captain's Cup and the Men's Foursomes were also played and resulted as follows:

C. H. T. Suen beat M. F. Pinna 3 and 2.

K. T. Oei beat J. J. Basto 3 and 2.

A. W. Ramsey beat W. C. Hung 2 up

A. R. Pinna beat B. Basto on the 19th.

T. Y. C. Lee beat E. J. M. Churn 3 and 1.

R. E. Lee beat C. H. Basto 2 and 1.

F. X. Silva beat Geo. Lee 2 and 1.

A. T. Lee beat A. A. Guterres 4 and 3.

Men's Foursomes

B. Basto and H. R. Pinna beat M. A. Simoes and W. G. Williams on a walk-over.

Junior First Round Matches At Fanling

First Round matches for the Junior Championship of R.H.K.G.C., Fanling, yesterday resulted as follows:

N. D. Lloyd beat L. Jackson 7 and 5.

D. J. Valentine beat J. Linaker 3 and 2.

F. A. Redmond beat Capt. Thursby 1 up.

S. L. Lloyd beat J. E. Richardson 6 and 5.

P. V. McLane beat R. D. Gillespie 6 and 4.

A. J. Dennis beat J. M. Thomson 3 and 2.

F. N. Merritt beat C. W. E. Bishop 2 and 1.

E. J. Price beat P. Morrison 2 and 1.

Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee beat C. H. Basto and A. A. Guterres 4 and 2.

J. J. Basto and A. R. Pinna beat F. X. Silva and M. F. Pinna 3 and 2.

W. Williamson and C. S. Thom beat C. E. Marques and B. Alves on a walk-over.

Armstrong Beaten On Technical Knock-out

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (Reuter).—Fritzie Zivic, World Welterweight Boxing champion, to-night successfully defended his title against Henry Armstrong, the former holder, who was technically knocked out in the 10th round of their scheduled 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden.

Armstrong, whose eyes were closed in the ninth round, announced after the fight, "My eyes won't hold up any more, so I'm through. I'm going into the wine business in California."

Henry Armstrong, who was the only boxer ever to hold three World titles simultaneously—he held the Featherweight, Lightweight and Welterweight titles in 1938—was one of the gamest and most popular champions the world has ever seen, as shown by the record Madison Square Garden attendance of 23,190, while more than 10,000 intending spectators were turned away.

Zivic boxed very cleverly, mixing hard straight-lefts with wicked right-crosses and battered the gallant Negro to pulp. Zivic was complete master of the fight from start to finish.—*Reuter.*

Armstrong lost the Welterweight title in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden several months ago and took a terrible beating. He had to have 10 stitches for the cuts received in that fight.

Easy Win For K.C.C. Over A British Ship

A TEAM from one of the British ships in harbour were entertained by the Kowloon Cricket Club in a cricket match yesterday. The home team had little difficulty in winning, but a most enjoyable game was had, despite the fact that rain held up the game until about 3.30.

Scores were:

Kowloon.—111 for 6 wkts. dec. (R. J. Fenton 28, E. Curtis 24, L. R. Burch 20).

British Ship.—88 (McGee 32. S. A. Gray 4 for 3, J. W. Bertram 3 for 14).

Officials Elected At Chinese R.C. Meeting

The annual meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club was held yesterday.

The following officials were elected.—Messrs Yu Tak-cheung, Chan Wai-yeung, Lee Wai-long, Chau Kwan-lam, Ho Ka-lau, Yu Tak-man, Siu Chun-chui, Wong Wing-man, Ling Sze-fan, Leung Ting-ngok, Tsang Yeung-fook, Wong Kwok-sau, Lam Yuk-ying.

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Indian Views Harden Against Britain's Foe

LAHORE, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—A meeting of Sikh leaders from all over the Punjab—among them several members of the Shiromani and Akalidal—has passed a resolution to form a Khalsa (Sikh) Defence of India League to increase to the maximum the Sikh effort for the defence of India and to ensure the victory of Britain.

The Maharaja of Patiala will be the patron and General President of the League and Sirdar Raghbir Singh, of Amritsar, has been unanimously elected President.

The meeting has sent out a clarion call to every Sikh to enlist in the Army, Navy or Air Force so as to support Britain to the utmost of Shikh manpower, and also to maintain the Khalsa tradition of unswerving devotion to duty and strict discipline.

The Maharaja of Patiala, in a message to the conference, said: "We must implement the pledge of last August to the British Commonwealth to support and fight for human progress and, realising that it is our religious duty, we must carry out our plighted word to those who are fighting for ideals identical to ours.".

Labour For Churchill

CALCUTTA, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The Labour leader, Mr M. N. Roy, addressing an anti-Fascist conference here to-day, said: "We must throw in our forces on the side of Britain because she is fighting for our interest.

"Mr Churchill, guiding the front rank fighters against the bulwark of world reaction, is a greater revolutionary force than all Congress leaders, Right and Left, put together, who are only obstructing that fight."

San Francisco Anti Nazis

Swastika Ripped Down

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The Police answered "riot calls" when several youths ripped the swastika from the flagstaff of the German Consulate here while a crowd of several thousands blocked the street outside the Consulate.

The flag was unfurled to celebrate the foundation of the Reich in 1871.

Earlier there had been a demand either to remove the swastika or to fly the Stars and Stripes alongside.

Regret Expressed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (UP).—The State Department has expressed regret to the German Embassy over the Swastika flag incident which occurred in San Francisco yesterday.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

Although buyers are not increasing their bids, dealings were recorded in practically all the popular counters, with interest well maintained.

Buyers

H.K. Banks $1,395
Bank of East Asia $75.25
Canton Ins. $210
Union Ins. $405
H.K. Fire Ins. $165
Whrves $96
Providents $5.65
Hotels $3.50
Trams $18.40
Star Ferries $62
Lights X. Rts $6.20
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Electrics "O" $40.25
Electric "N" $40
Telephones "O" $25.25
Cements $18
Ropes $8.15
Watsons $10.80
Entertainments $7
Constructions "O" $1.60

Sellers

Trams $18.60
Lights Rts. $1
Cements $18.20
Ropes $8.35
Watsons $11.15
Vibro Piling $7.70

Sales

H.K. Banks $1,405
Docks "O" $18.50
Hotels $3.55
Trams $18.40
Cements $18.20
Ropes $8.35
Watsons $11

LETTERS

Reply To John Blunt

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Re. John Blunt's Article on Quo Tai-chi's protest to the Foreign Office, in your Saturday's issue, I find the author's reasoning illogical and inconsistent. He says that what Hongkong deems fit and proper is no business of Quo's, and in the next paragraph he says that Quo would be justified in protesting if he had reason to complain about the treatment of his countrymen in the Colony. Surely it does not require much reflection from anyone to realise that it is precisely because Quo thinks his countrymen are not being given a fair deal that he lodged his protest. No doubt John Blunt is not aware that it was agreed that Chinese subjects were to be permitted to have free ingress and egress without any passport regulations. Even though John Blunt may disagree, the Foreign Office apparently thought that Quo's protest had some basis for justification as they justified the action of the Hongkong Government by claiming that the Chinese representatives had agreed to the measure. It is outside the purpose of this correspondence to point out these representatives were not appointed by the Chinese people to represent them but are appointees of the Hongkong Government.

Thanking you for the valuable space in your paper,

Yours sincerely,
Y. Y. L.

Americans Want Known As Allies

A poll taken by the American magazine "Fortune" on the United States attitude to Britain shows that the course favoured by the biggest group of Americans is that their country should declare itself an ally and send equipment but not men.

Following are detailed results of the straw vote:

	Per cent.
For declaring ourselves allies, sending equipment and even men if necessary	15.9
For declaring ourselves allies, sending equipment but never men	41.0
For present course, sending what supplies Britain can buy	30.7
Against sending anything	7.1
No opinion	5.3

On the question of whether the United States is likely to enter the war the magazine's November poll shows an important change from last January:

	Novemebr Per cent.	January Per cent.
Likely	9.0	14.7
Probable	29.2	33.3
50-50 chance	22.8	22.0
Unlikely	22.2	19.3
Impossible	4.0	1.4
No opinion	11.9	9.3

These figures are quoted in a precis compiled by the Americans-in-Britain Outpost of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

DIVERTISSEMENTS

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE TO BE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY

There will be a benefit performance of "Divertissements" at the King's Theatre at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, in aid of the Kunming and International Peace Hospitals. Artistes will be Y. K. Sze, bass; Ai-Lien Tai, modern dancer; J. R. M. Smith, organist; and the Chinese Choral Society conducted by Fung Hin-tsung.

The performance is sponsored by the China Defence League (Chairman Mme. Sun Yat-sen) and by the Kunming Hospital Appeal Committee (Chairman H. E. Dr W. W. Yen).

Clippers Complete Five Years Of Pacific Commercial Flying

As Pan American Airways' great flying boat, the China Clipper, pioneer of the Pacific merchant marine of the air, reached San Francisco recently, a cycle was completed. It was the end of the first five years of trans-Pacific air mail, the 442nd crossing of the North Pacific by air, commemorating that November day in 1935 when James A. Farley, then Postmaster General, consigned the first packet of mail to Pan American.

There were 58 bags of mail, 110,865 letters, in that first cargo of the China Clipper. No passengers were carried on a revenue basis until 11 months later. Since that first trip, truly a pioneering venture, as daring, colourful, and successful as the Pony Express mail, Clippers have carried 13,480,000 letters, 6,481 passengers, and they have flown 3,715,553 miles.

The first cargo was chiefly philatelic mail. Stamp collectors all over the world had letters in those first 58 bags. Since then some of the world's most confidential mail, diplomatic pouches, messages requiring high speed, have been carried from San Francisco Bay to China. The trans-Pacific air route during the war in Europe and Asia has become one of the world's lifelines, one of its most vital indispensable, high-speed connections. Treasure Island to Hongkong in 6½ days!

Diplomats of all nations to-day speed across the Pacific in the Clippers. Experts of the United States Department are rushed to the Orient to assist in evacuating Americans. Newspapermen surveying the war areas of the world for their publications, radio, Army, chemical, and mechanical engineers on inspection trips of great importance, all have used the facilities of this great 9,000-mile route through the air.

Cargoes of all nations have been carried by these sturdy freighters of the air.

Great Airport in Making

That first flight five years ago was made from the east side of San Francisco Bay, near Alameda, the site to-day of the Federal Government's great newly commissioned but still in-the-building $20,000,000 naval air station. Later when San Franciscans decided to dig up the bottom of the Bay and make a 400-acre island in the Bay's centre for their World's Fair, space was set aside for the Clippers.

Permanent hangars were erected on the south end of Treasure Island. The flying boats had their own sheltered Port of the Trade Winds. The entire vast Bay was their "runway." This move to Treasure Island was made in 1939. It was the beginning of what will eventually be one of the world's greatest municipal airports, if plans now pending in Washington are carried through. The move brought the Clippers within 10 minutes of San Francisco and within 10 minutes of Oakland and Berkeley by the Bay Bridge.

Last year the China Clipper, and its other North Pacific sisters, saw the inauguration of the Southern Pacific air route, Pan American's equally important expansion from San Francisco to Hawaii, Canton Island, New Caledonia, and New Zealand. To-day a trans-Pacific clipper is always on its way to and from transoceanic terminal. North Pacific flights are round-trip weekly. Those to New Zealand are round-trip every two weeks.

Six More Boeings

To-day Pan American Clippers, the California, the Honolulu, and the American in the Pacific, and the Yankee, Dixie, and Atlantic in the Atlantic, with a gross weight of 84,000 pounds each and accommodations for 74 passengers seated, are the world's largest commercial planes. In 1941 this vast fleet will be augmented by more Boeing 314's, three for the Pacific, three for the Atlantic fleets. Scheduled flights will be stepped up in the effort to knit the world as closely as possible together in the ways left open to men.

O.B.E. For World's Fair Attendant

The medal of the Order of the British Empire for meritorious service has been awarded to Sidney Grant Wood, head attendant, British Pavilion, New York World's Fair.

The "London Gazette," which announced the award recently, stated that it had been made for services on the discovery of a bomb in the British pavilion at the fair.

The bomb, which was of great destructive power, exploded after being removed, killing two officers and injuring six others.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2⅞
Demand London	1/2⅞
T.T. Shanghai	.430
T.T. Singapore	.52¾
T.T. Japan	102½
T.T. India	.82½
T.T. U.S.A.	.23⅜
T.T. Manila	.46¾
T.T. Batavia	.43¾
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	101½
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	.99½
T.T. Australia	1/6½

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3½
4 m/s D/P London	1/3⅝
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	.24¼
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	.84½
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03¼

HOWLING BLIZZARD

Catches Southern France And Northern Africa

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Jan. 19 (UP).—Southern France is in the grip of a howling blizzard which has completely frozen Vichy's water pipes. The wind was so strong at one point on the outskirts of the city that it blew over a hearse which was going to the cemetery. Most of the communications with other cities have been cut off, the wind breaking telephone poles.

Northern Africa is no better off. In Morocco, near the town of Oulmes, all communications were cut by a rising flood. At Efraine a snow storm cut the electric power lines.

In the Vichy region, a warm south-western wind showed up early this morning cracking the snow and ice which has been solidly frozen since the end of December, and sending thousands of gallons of water into the Allier River which is rising rapidly.

U.S. Freezing Of Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Plans to "freeze" all foreign assets in the United States now only await the signature of the President, according to the "New York Times."

The order will stop the flow of German, Japanese and Italian funds in and out of the United States.

The paper adds that fear of the order is responsible for the recent exodus of German money.

Italian Control Measures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 19 (UP).—The Ministry of Currency and Foreign Exchange announced to-day that special measures will be adopted to aid in the control of Italian exports and imports for the purpose of guaranteeing payment for supplies of food and raw materials from abroad.

In this connection, the Ministry will be authorised to requisition all products destined for exportation as well as all raw materials needed for producing such products.

Softball

CARDINALS NOSE OUT PANTHERS

Much of the week-end Softball League schedule was washed out by the rain, but in the women's games there was much to interest. The match which had spectators on their toes was that between the Cardinals and the Panthers, the former nosing out the latter by 14-13.

Cardinals scored regularly through the middle frames, but with a tally of five in the sixth canto, Panthers drew up to within four runs of their opponents' total.

Then came the climaxing final inning. Cardinals were blanked, and Panthers started a run-getting spree that brought in three—but when one within the total lost their last man.

Scores were:

GIRLS

Wildcats 21, Ramblerettes 6.
Wahoos 10, Las Florinhas 0.
Cardinals 14, Panthers 13.

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.F. 8, Liga Portuguesa 7.
Recreio Bees 11, Royal Engineers 6.

FRIENDLY

Canuckettes 7, Socony 7.
U.S.S. Mindanao 10, C.B.A. 9.

Winning Cash Sweeps At Macao

MACAO, Jan. 19.—The cash sweeps on to-day's races resulted:

Race No. 1

No. 135	$104.50
" 242	55.60
" 251	27.80

Unplaced ponies ($7.70 each): Nos. 243, 148, 277, 187.

Race No. 2

No. 220	$218.40
" 122	62.40
" 303	31.20

Unplaced ponies ($5.80 each): Nos. 146, 424, 14, 39, 223, 474.

Race No. 3

No. 7	$222.00
" 150	63.40
" 314	31.70

Unplaced ponies ($5 each): Nos. 74, 149, 330, 301, 125, 500, 63.

Race No. 4

No. 251	85.80
" 150	85.80
" 152	19.10

Unplaced pony ($21.20) No. 175.

Race No. 5

No. 24036	$8,920.38
" 20,111	2,548.68
" 14,752	1,274.35

Unplaced ponies ($128.72 each): Nos. 3542, 101, 13202, 3001, 14272, 12262, 23176, 23673, 13561, 17009, 6025.

Race No. 6

No. 40	$237.00
" 233	67.70
" 186	33.80

Unplaced pony ($37.60) No. 114.

Kowloon C.C. Win Week-end Bowls Matches

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB were successful in two friendly games of lawn bowls played over the week-end. On Saturday they engaged in a two-rink match with the United Services Recreation Club and won by 42 shots to 28.

Yesterday they beat a team from Lane, Crawford's 69-46.

Scores were:

V. UNITED SERVICES R.C.

A. E. P. Guest, R. T. Burch, R. Wellwood, H. Overy beat G. Navey, I. Newton, J. T. Smalley, J. Smith 19-17.

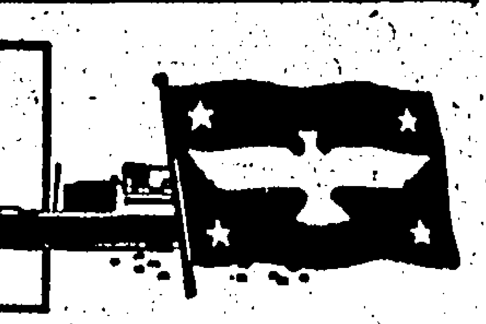
A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, A. W. Smith, J. Fraser beat P. H. Parks, C. W. Jeffries, B. D. Evans, H. H. Williams 23-11.

LANE, CRAWFORD'S

H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, A. Steven, L. Jack lost to E. G. Baker, S. Carr, T. A. Madar, E. C. Fincher 19-20.

E. R. P. Guest, S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, V.C. Labrum beat H. Burson, T. Edgar, A. B. Hamson, A. W. Brown 27-10.

J. H. S. Duncan, D. Glover, N. A. E. Mackay, R. B. Wellwood beat H. W. Bonner, W. C. Ogley, G. Tanner, H. W. Randall 23-16.



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Kennedy Says U.S. Aid Must Not Provoke War

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to Britain, said to-day that he advocated the utmost aid for Britain but this must not go to a point where war becomes inevitable.

If the resources of Britain were used up, he would prefer assistance to be given her by outright gifts.

He added: "Many Americans fear that Hitler will declare war on the United States if aid to Britain continues but to declare war is outmoded in these days of unbridled force. Hitler would declare war on the United States only when he thought such action was to his best interests, for the United States is certainly committed to acts sufficiently unneutral to justify a less despotic tyrant than Hitler in declaring war.

"It is not surprising that the American people desire Hitler's defeat, for he is attempting a decivilisation of the world in the name of Nazi pagan philosophy."

After Dunkirk

Mr Kennedy declared that after the retreat from Dunkirk and the fall of France, English defences were in a deplorable condition but in spite of such handicaps, in spite of the fact that the conquest of the British Isles would have given Hitler the domination of Europe, the Germans had never been able to secure a foothold on that island.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

DONATIONS TO CHARITABLE AND OTHER CAUSES

A total of $1,546,576.74 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

P. R. C. Groundsman's Honorarium	$100
Pauline (fourth donation)	100
Wong Ngai Tong's Dinner	60
Betty and Bob	10
N. I. H. B. Sports Club	11.20
Harbour Office Nickels & Dimes (weekly donation)	3.15
Taikoo Dockyard "Spare Gear" (weekly donation)	18
"Oil Golf Birdies"	24
Anonymous	18
Former Pilot of Spitfire (Sundry coins)	.83
Miss Joan Challinor	10
For A Flag	4
P. S. S. Chicken Feed (weekly donation)	19.50
12th Coy. R.A.S.C. (Coppers for Bombers)	35.40

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children announce that the Friesland Trading Co., Ltd, have very kindly contributed the sum of $100 for New Year gifts to be distributed amongst the children under the care of the Society, on January 25 in the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.

The annual Flower Day of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, held on January 11, realised $4,153.60. The Committee express thanks to the following:

The Commissioner of Police, Public Works Department, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Peak Tramways, Hongkong Tramways, China Motor Bus Co., Kowloon Motor Bus Co., the Hongkong Broadcasting Committee, Cheero Club, the Y.M.C.A., Chinese Y.W.C.A., and the local Press;

To Sir Atholl MacGregor for his eloquent broadcast;

Also to the following who assisted with the sale of flowers—Tung Wah Hospitals, Kwong Wah Hospital, Hongkong Sanatorium, Teachers Training College, La Salle College, St. Mary's Convent, Diocesan Boys' School, Holy Spirit School, Chun Tak Girls' School, Che Hang Girls' School, Tung Lin Kok Yuen Free School, Yik Chi Girls' School, Mei Wah Girls' School, Kwan San Girls School, St. Paul's Girls College, St. Stephen's Girls College, To Shuk Girls School, Yuek Chi Girls School, Maryknoll Convent, Holy Trinity School, All Saints Church School, Free Schools of the Confucian Institute, Free Schools of the Tung Wah Hospital, The South China Workshop for Refugees, Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association, Bank of Canton, Bank of East Asia, Y.W.C.A., Chee Kwong Club, China Emporium, Wing On Co., Sun Co., Sincere Co., Mrs Crawford, Mrs Crummelin, Mrs Muir, Miss P. Pritchard, Mrs Richardson.

DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE

The decree nisi granted three months ago to Mrs Janet Elizabeth Margaret Whitham in her petition for the dissolution of her marriage with James Percival Whitham, was made absolute by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court on Saturday.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks $	1,405 b.
H.K. Banks £	82 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	85 n.
Chartered £	8⅝ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23 n.
Mercantile, C. £	10⅞ n.
East Asia $	75¼ b.

INSURANCES

Cantons $	210 b.
Unions $	405 b.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H.K. Fire $	165 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas $	135 n.
Steamboats $	11 n.
Indo-Chinas P. $	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D. $	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40/3 n.
Waterboats $	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves $	96 b.
Docks (old) $	18½ b. & sa.
Docks (new) $	18.10 n.
Providents $	5.65 b.
S'hai Dockyards $	30½ n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	16/3 n.
Raubs $	9¼ n.
H.K. Mines	1¼ cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel $	3.55 sa.
Lands $	34.60 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	14.70 n.
Humphreys $	7.95 n.
H.K. Realties $	3.85 n.
Chinese Estates $ x.d.	98 n.

UTILITIES

Trams $	18.40 b. & sa.
Peaks Trams (old) $	7½ n.
Peak Trams (new) $	3½ n.
Star Ferries $	62 b.
Y. Ferries $	24½ n.
China Lights c. rts. $	—
China Lights x. rts. $	6.20 n.
China Lights Rts. cts.	.95 b.
H.K. Electrics (old) $	40¾ sa.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	40 b.
Macao Electrics (old) $	17¾ n.
Macao Electrics (new) $	16¾ n.
Sandakan Lights $	11¾ n.
Telephones (old) $	25¼ b.
Telephones (new) $	10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	18.20 s. & sa.
H.K. Ropes $	8.35 s. & sa.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms $	19.20 n.
Watsons $	10.05 s.
Lane Crawfords $	9 n.
Sinceres $	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	30 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1.90 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. $	51½ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	205 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4%	97½ n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% (1934)	92¼ n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% (1940)	92¼ n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	42/47 n.
H.K. Entertainments $	7 b.
Constructions (old) $	1.60 b.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.70 s.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	7/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

Cricket Match Cancelled

It is announced that the cricket match between the Hongkong Volunteers and the Police, arranged for Sunday next, January 26, has been cancelled.

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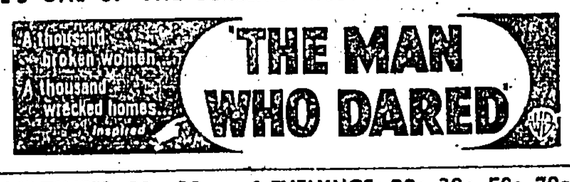

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BOMBERS FOR AMERICA—B-17C flying fortresses on assembly line at Boeing aircraft plant in Seattle. These 22-ton bombers are built at rate of one every two days, with expectation of turning out two ships daily.

Captured Italian General's Praise

"In all the praise of the brilliant British strategy which routed the Italians, none impressed me more than that of two captured Italian generals—Cerio and Mezzari—with whom I returned to Alexandria in a destroyer," cables a special correspondent of the Sydney "Sunday Despatch" with the Mediterranean fleet.

"Mezzari, swarthy and scowling, was scintillating with medal ribbons and Fascist insignia. Obviously he is a party man. He complained, while sipping a glass of sherry, that he had lost all his personal belongings because the British rush completely surprised the Italian staff. Tears coursed silently down his furrowed face.

"Cerio did not wear a single Fascist decoration. He shivered from the effects of a bout of coastal fever.

"His aide-de-camp said that Cerio had aged ten years. In three days he had seen the work of a lifetime in Libya wrecked because of political reasons.

"Faultless Precision"

"After eating his first food for four days Cerio said that the British carried out a brilliantly-conceived operation with faultless precision. 'We had no idea of the extent of the manoeuvre until after we had been surrounded,' he said. 'We were based 10 miles south-east of Sidi Barrani, and prepared to fall back to stronger positions covered by artillery. But when your tanks rolled up we found that we were attacked from the rear.'

"Cerio said that the British mechanised units cut the coast road and the Italian water pipeline. Then, in an eastward sweep, they overwhelmed the Italian defences one after the other.

"He added: 'I had no idea that Sidi Barrani had fallen until an hour before we were compelled to surrender.

"'Ah! what a mistake it was for us ever to have occupied Sidi Barrani. We should have marched straight through to Alexandria last summer or else not moved at all.

"'I knew that Sidi Barrani was just a handful of brickdust in the desert sand but I was not aware of the incredible degree of British mechanisation.'"

Equipment Too Good

"Cerio asked sadly where the British obtained their equipment. 'Surely the British Fleet is not the only fleet in the Mediterranean,' he said. 'Our equipment was insufficient to meet the scale of your mechanised units. We always had marvellous plans for mechanisation, but they were never fully carried out.

"'It is the same old story. Here is another defeat to blemish the record of our army, to which I have given my life. Our men fight well. I will not listen to anything to the contrary. We fought your tanks for 17 hours, but we could do nothing with machine-guns and hand-grenades against 12-ton tanks.'"

Petain Receives Pro-Axis Laval

FROM PAGE ONE

Vice-Premier, are now smoothed out. No further indication is given in official quarters concerning the subject of Petain's talk with Laval.

Observers at Vichy believe, however, states the "Havas" agency, that the meeting will have a political sequel shortly. The meeting took place in a chateau in the Allier Department.

Nazis Silent

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The German radio made no mention of any meeting having taken place today between Hitler and Mussolini.

Nothing Known

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in authoritative circles in London of any meeting between Hitler and Mussolini to-day.

Meeting Likely

ZURICH, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The report originating in Rome press circles that Hitler and Mussolini are to meet in Germany to-day or to-morrow, is not confirmed from either Axis capital but political circles regard early renewal of Dictator conversations as probable in view of the changed situation in the Mediterranean after the sweeping Anglo-Greek victories.

The extent of additional help from Germany to her battered ally will doubtless form the basis of discussion.

ITALIANS RETREATING

FROM PAGE ONE

day night, was again raided on Friday night.

A huge fire, states an R.A.F. communique, was caused near the petrol dumps. Other damage could not be observed owing to the weather conditions but all bombs fell well in the target area.

One Italian bomber was shot down by an Australian squadron.

R.A.F. operations in Italian East Africa on the same night included the bombing of a large transport yard in Assab, military buildings at Hargeisa in British Somaliland, an enemy camp five miles east of Umm Haggar, where fires were started, and of Asmara.

One British fighter failed to return from patrol in Libya.

THAILANDERS OCCUPY TOWNS

FROM PAGE ONE

and Namkham in the vicinity of Savannakhet.

Yesterday, two Thai planes dropped two bombs on the French side of the Mekong River opposite Paklay.

Yesterday noon, a plane of unknown nationality but believed to be a photographing Thai craft, flew over Saigon at a great height.

Thai Troops Driven Out

HANOI, Jan. 19 (Domei).—The French forces operating in northwestern Laos province, drove out Thai troops which had penetrated the border in the Luangprabang and Paklai areas as the result of the French counter-offensive launched on January 15.

Sanguinary fighting took place on January 18 along the Poipet-Sisophon highway in Cambodia as Thai troops sought to advance eastward, while Thai aircraft bombed the Vientiane aerodrome on January 17. An artillery duel took place in the Savannakhet area.

RAIDS ON BRITAIN

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grounded both the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe during the night.

Quiet Week-End

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Large numbers of raiders to-day approached a south coast town.

Incendiaries were showered on it but fire watchers and others were prepared and many fires were soon extinguished.

Coastal Immunity

LONDON, Jan 19 (Reuter).—There was little German air activity "round our coasts" during to-day, states the Air Ministry.

A single enemy bomber dropped bombs on an east coast town in the morning but the damage was little and casualties were few.

Bomber In Channel

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—After a quiet day, marked only by the shooting down by British fighters of an enemy bomber in the Channel, an alert was sounded in London some time after dark.

A burst of gunfire was heard soon afterwards but a quiet spell followed.

Enemy aircraft were reported near a west England town, a Midlands town and an East Anglian town tonight.

Axis Bomber Losses In Mediterranean

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40 aircraft were destroyed or damaged in the first raid alone. In two raids, several hangars were damaged.

The Chief British problem in combating the German menace is possession of sufficient land and shore-based fighters. Already the Germans have had to bring into service their own fighters to protect the Junkers 87 and to employ other bombers.

Control of Inland Sea

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The Near East war, in which German dive-bombers and British troops have shared the limelight, continued to hold attention to-day as bad weather drew a screen over the war in the west.

The German air force, seeking to aid Italy by gaining control over the central Mediterranean waters, made another attack on the British naval base of Malta to-day, according to Berlin reports.

Hitherto no account of the raid has been received from Malta direct, but apparently the Germans switched their attack back to the harbour after bombing R.A.F. aerodromes on Saturday.

German dive-bombers are now being protected by German and Italian fighters, and the Germans admit losing three more aircraft to R.A.F. fighters who, although outnumbered, shot down six in combat yesterday, making a total of at least 11 since Thursday.

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American Election Expenditure

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The Republican State Committee received contributions of $570,073 and expended $439,001 in the 1940 election campaign, the party financial report filed with the Secretary of State showed.

The Democratic State Committee reported receipts of $451,265 and disbursements of $430,083.

Among expense items listed by Republicans was one of $655.40 paid to Gen. Hugh S. Johnson for a speech

COUNCIL MEMBERS

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. Mr Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jnr., to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for a further period of four years with effect from January 17.

Subject to His Majesty's pleasure His Excellency the Officer Administrating the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr Li Tse-fong to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council vice Dr Li Shu-fan with effect from January 17.

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REMARKABLE STORY BY FILIPINO SURVIVORS

JAPANESE SAID TO BE AIDING NAZI RAIDERS IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Special to the "Telegraph"

MANILA, JAN. 19 (UP).—THE 98 FILIPINO SEAMEN, SURVIVORS FROM THREE BRITISH SHIPS WHICH WERE SUNK BY GERMAN RAIDERS IN THE PACIFIC LAST DECEMBER, ARRIVED IN MANILA TO-DAY AND CONTENDED THAT THE GERMAN SHIPS APPEARED TO BE OPERATING IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH JAPANESE SHIPS.

It was alleged that Japanese ships appear to be imparting information to the Germans regarding the movements of British ships.

The survivors declared that British officers from the sunken ships concurred in this belief because the raiders knew where to strike and which British ships were dangerously armed.

They based this on the view that the Japanese are the only neutrals who are familiar with the Pacific sea lanes and the British vessels operating there.

The survivors claimed that 12 German raiders are now operating in the Pacific and that a dozen others are being fitted out at unnamed Japanese ports.

It was contended that three German raiders were the 10,000-ton Narvik, the 10,000-ton Tokyo Maru and the 5,000-ton Nanyo Maru. The two latter, although operating as armed raiders are disguised as peaceful Japanese merchant ships.

Many Victims

The survivors revealed that on December 8 the raiders entered Nauru where they destroyed the New Zealand ship Kumata and the Norwegian steamer Vinni, while they chased and destroyed two British vessels, the Triadic and Triastel. Another British ship, the Triona was captured and destroyed near Nauru. When the Triona attempted to flee, four Filipinos lost their lives under shell fire from the raider.

On December 21 the survivors were landed at Emerau where they found 500 survivors of earlier sinkings living on fruits and coconuts, with very little other provisions.

On December 26 they were rescued by the Nellore and taken to Townsville in Australia.

The Filipinos added that the Germans had treated the prisoners in an excellent manner.

Fitted Out In Japan

MANILA, Jan. 20 (Reuter).—The "Manila Bulletin" to-day gives pro-

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EUROPEANS HELD BY JAPANESE

Hongkong Vicar In Border Incident

The Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Mr A. S. Potter and Miss Hansey, a nurse from the Queen Mary Hospital, were held in Japanese custody from yesterday afternoon until midnight in the garrison post at Shataukok.

The party equipped with hikers' packs had unintentionally wandered over into Chinese territory where they were picked up by Japanese military police and detained at Shataukok while the British authorities were informed.

Major C. V. Boxer, who is attached to the China Command and speaks Japanese fluently, went to the border and conducted negotiations with the Japanese authorities, and explanations were made which the Japanese accepted, and the party later released.

Macao Race Tragedy

H.K. Jockey Thrown And Killed

Mr H. L. Poon, a Hongkong jockey, was fatally injured as a result of an accident in the first race run at Macao yesterday, while Mr F. L. Marcal, another jockey, was seriously injured and now lies in hospital at Macao.

The cause of the accident was a pony named Geordie, which broke away after the start of the race and threw Mr Marcal his rider. The pony then collided with Radium Star, owned and being ridden by Mr Poon. The jockey was heavily thrown and he died late last night in the Macao hospital as a result of internal injuries.

This was the first race in Macao in which the late Mr Poon had taken part.

After the race the Stewards held an enquiry and found that no blame could be attached to anyone for the accident.

It is recalled that Geordie was the pony which once threw Mr G. W. Sewell at Happy Valley.

RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Last Night's Visitations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 19 (UP).—At 7.30 p.m. the anti-aircraft guns opened up on German raiders over London. The early burst of gunfire was apparently caused by the presence of a single plane.

At 7.50 p.m. raiders were over a west England town. At 9.30 p.m. raiders were over a West Midlands town and an East Anglian town. At 10.10 p.m. the gunfire surged up after a prolonged period of quiet.

Raiders were also over a south coast town but the attack was reported not to be serious. At 10.20 p.m. a large number of raiders showered incendiary bombs on a southeast coast town, but fire watchers quickly extinguished many of them.

Raider Blows Up?

Raiders crossed the southeast coast at several points. Searchlights scoured the skies and anti-aircraft guns blazed. Once, a brilliant red flash lit up the sky for many miles and explosions were heard a few seconds later. It is believed a raider was hit and blew up in mid-air.

An Air Ministry communique states that British fighters shot down an enemy bomber over the Channel this afternoon. The bad weather

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Heavy Raids Yesterday On Malta

Two Churches Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MALTA, Jan. 19 (UP).—Spectacular large scale raids were made on Sunday. Fifteen enemy planes were brought down and one British fighter was lost.

There was considerable damage to civilian property. A 400-year-old church was hit for the second time within 48 hours. Another parish church was also hit.

Meanwhile it is confirmed that seven Junker 87s were brought down by anti-aircraft guns. The Germans dive-bombed and attacked in continuous waves. Three raids were made in quick succession. Government property was damaged and there were a few casualties, but no deaths.

Two British fighters were brought down but the pilot of one was saved before the raider himself was brought down. Anti-aircraft batteries claimed four hits.

Malta Emerges from Blitz

CAIRO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Damage to R.A.F. property in the German air raid on Malta yesterday was not of a serious nature, states an R.A.F. communique issued here.

British fighters which intercepted a large raiding force were greatly outnumbered. Nevertheless, they shot down six of the raiders and badly damaged a number of others.

As announced at Malta, two British fighters were lost but one pilot was saved.

The German aircraft were Junkers 87 and 88 bombers.

Important Parley In Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Mr Cordell Hull, and Mr Wendell Willkie, defeated Republican candidate for the President conferred at the White House to-day on the world situation.

President Roosevelt handed Mr Willkie a personal note to be delivered to Mr Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Britain.

Messrs Willkie and Hull went to the White House at the conclusion of their meeting at 3.30 p.m.

After his arrival from New York, Mr Willkie, while discussing his trip to London said, "I refuse to consider any other possible end to the struggle but a British victory."

He said that whatever happens after the war, "it will have a profound effect on United States economy." He especially desired to confer with Mr Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour and National Service and after his return to the United States he will probably write and speak regarding his findings in England.

At a press conference, Mr Willkie made two more reservations regarding the Lend and Lease Bill: firstly, that Congress retain the purse strings; secondly, that the Legislators study the Bill carefully for the purpose of avoiding voting any unnecessary powers to the President.

All Out Aid

He re-advocated "all out" aid to Britain as a means of keeping the United States out of the war. "If England survives," he said, "there is a chance that we can stay out. If she doesn't, there is a chance that we will get in. I feel very strongly that the liberty of the United States is endangered if Britain does not win."

President Roosevelt and Mr Willkie met for a half hour. Upon leaving the White House, Mr Willkie said, "the President wished me bon voyage. We discussed the European situation generally."

He carried the note for Mr Churchill and described it as a "pleasant personal note—not a formal introduction." It was addressed to "Mr Churchill" and the envelope was inscribed "to a certain Naval person, kindness of Willkie." He said that he had made no arrangements to report personally to the President regarding his trip when he returns.

A WATCH WHICH NEVER LAGS

Britain's watch of the skies never lags. Day and night the skywatchers of anti-aircraft batteries are on duty. Here we see two of the men using night glasses and an identifying telescope. They are the key-men in a system of defence which is becoming increasingly difficult for the Nazi raiders to penetrate.

Fresh British Successes On The Sudan Front

CAIRO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Fresh successes for British forces in Africa were announced to-day with the re-occupation of the strongly-defended post of Kassala on the border of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Italian Eritrea, and the pursuit of Italian troops who are "on the run."

A communique states: "Our troops have re-occupied Kassala. By intensive patrols over a period of a week, our troops at low cost to themselves have inflicted daily casualties on the enemy, who has been forced to evacuate strongly-defended positions in and around Kassala.

"Italian troops all along this front are retreating, pursued and harassed by our mobile detachments."

British pressure on the borders of Abyssinia—inside which Abyssinian patriots are active—continues with "active patrolling in the Metamma region and Gallabat," according to the communique.

Libyan Front Unchanged

It is officially stated that there is no change in the situation in Libya and that there is nothing of importance to report in Kenya.

The Italians occupied Kassala, which actually lies 18 miles north of the Eritrean frontier, in July last. Since November, operations by British and Indian troops have been taking place in the hills north-east of Kassala with a view to threatening

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Splendid Prizes For Bomber Fund Raffle

Many Hongkong firms, as well as individuals, have advised the Hongkong War Effort Committee of their intention to present valuable prizes to the Monster Raffle which is being organised in aid of the War Fund inaugurated by the "S. C. M. Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph." In some cases, the matter is being placed before the Boards of Directors of a number of Companies, and particulars of all prizes will be announced in due course.

The following is the list which was received by Major C. M. Manners, the Chairman of the Committee up to noon on the 18th. instant.

Prize List To Date

Sunbeam-Talbot 10 h.p. Sports car, value $5,050. (Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd.).

Cigarettes to the value of $500, as follows; 5 prizes each 1,000 Gold Flake cigarettes; 5 each 1,000 Players cigarettes; 5 each 1,000 Capstan cigarettes; 10 each 1,000 Players Clipper Cigarettes; 10 each 1,000 Embassy cigarettes (donated by the British-American Tobacco Company (China) Limited.)

Prize to the value of $200 (Otis Elevator Company.);

Goods to the value of $250 (Messrs Mackintosh's Ltd);

Goods to the value of $150 (Directors and Staff Messrs. Mackintosh's Ltd);

G.E.C. Radio set (approx. value $150 (Mr F. A. Mackintosh);

Two prizes, Vanity Box and compact (Mrs F. A. Mackintosh);

B.S.A. 3-speed hub de luxe model bicycle, value $200, (The British Bicycle Company);

Empire Baby Portable Typewriter, (Messrs U. Spalinger & Company);

Prize to the value of $100, (Anonymous).

Filmo Camera to the value of $220, (Filmo Depot) Mr A. C. Ellis, silver cigarette case;

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Shortage Of Meat And Vegetables

Kwangchowwan Applies New Restrictions

Interruption of shipments from Kwangchowwan and Chungshan district, the two chief sources of supply, and seasonal increase in consumption, owing to the advent of Chinese New Year, have caused prices of nearly all kinds of meat and vegetables to go up in the past few days.

Large shipments of cattle, pigs and fowl which were expected from Kwangchowwan during the week-end failed to arrive. The two steamers that arrived carried not a single item of livestock.

It is stated that the authorities at Kwangchowwan have placed further restrictions on exports owing to increased local demand. Official supervision of exports has been enforced in the French colony since June last year.

Supplies from Chungshan are also

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Thailanders Occupy Towns In Indo-China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Jan. 19 (UP).—A High Command communique states that Thai and French planes exchanged bombing raids on Friday night, while Thai forces on the northeastern frontier occupied Champasuch and Ponthong.

There is nothing to report on the Aranya sector.

A French plane raided Chantaburi on Friday night but the bombs caused no damage.

Thai planes retaliated against military objectives in Indo-China, including the barracks at Packlai. All the planes returned safely.

Meanwhile, the the Ministry of Interior announces that officials have been sent to Aranya to take over the administration in the occupied territories of Indo China.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAIGON, Jan. 19 (UP).—It is officially reported that yesterday, French troops operating in co-operation with speedboats in a strong action re-occupied Donesanot Island in the Mekong, 42 miles south of Savannakhet.

French artillery destroyed the strong Thai base at Banmouk opposite Savannakhet.

Last night French planes made a revenge raid on Thalkon, Kammarat and Namkham in the vicinity of Savannakhet.

Yesterday, two Thai planes dropped two bombs on the French side of the Mekong River opposite Paklay.

Yesterday noon, a plane of unknown nationality but believed to be a photographing Thai craft, flew over Saigon at a great height.

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LATEST

Another S'hai Assassination

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 20 (UP).—A prominent Chinese lawyer named Tong Yui was assassinated in the French Concession shortly after midnight.

Tht motive is believed to have been political, although the police have not as yet determined the exact motive.

The assassins, who escaped, fire four shots through Tong's car in which the chauffeur, who escaped injury, immediately drove Tong to hospital. However, the lawyer was pronounced dead upon his arrival.

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Hitler and Mussolini Meet, Says Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERNE, Jan. 19 (UP).—Reliable sources declare that the meeting between Mussolini and Hitler has been held, but they did not reveal the location.

Authoritative circles in Berlin refuse either to confirm or deny the report.

In London the B.B.C. announced that the Italian Radio was silent from 12.20 p.m. to 8.40 p.m., and that when the Radio resumed no explanation for the interval was given.

It is believed that the Radio may have closed down as a result of the reported conference between the dictators.

New York reported that private communications between Rome and several European points were suspended in the forenoon, and that attempts to telephone to Rome from New York were futile as only governmental messages were being accepted.

Radio news items which are usually received here did not appear for hours after their scheduled time, although communication companies reported there were no unusual atmospheric conditions.

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).

1.13 Musical Comedy Selections.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour.'

7.30 Compositions of Elgar.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Special Centenary Programme.

Talks by:

Sir Shou-Son Chow, "A Message of Felicitation"; The Hon Mr J. P. Braga, O.B.E., on "Portuguese Pioneering: 100 years of Hongkong"; Mr H. C. Macnamara "Legal Reminiscences"; The Hon Mr A. L. Shields on "Yachting"; Mr H. R. B. Hancock on "A walk from Canton to Hongkong in 1902."

Interspersed with Recitals by:

Elvie Yuen (Soprano), Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor), Y. K. Sze (Bass), and E. O'Neil Shaw (Piano); Arthur Nobbins (Baritone).

11.0 Close down.

The News from London will be relayed as usual between 9.0 and 9.30 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

The attention of all persons or firms holding stocks of Hydrocarbon Oils of any type in the Colony is drawn to Government Notification No. 54 published under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance on January 16th., 1941.

The effect of this order is that any stocks held in the Colony become liable to duty and holders of such stocks in amounts exceeding 1,000 gallons are requested to report the existence of these stocks to me within 7 days.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

18th January, 1941.

DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

The attention of all owners of soda fountains is drawn to an order published to-day under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance. The effect of this order is that soda fountains become factories under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance. Owners of soda fountains are requested to register their premises within 7 days.

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January 16, 1941.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Rural Building Lot No. 441.	Island Road, near Stanley.	as per sale plan.				About 13,700	$180	$3,925

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2	Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 7	Castle Peak.	as per sale plan.				About 54,450	$250	$2,725

*The wedding took place at the Registry on Saturday, before Mr T. S. Whyte-Smith Registrar, of Mr James Percival Whitham, insurance manager, and Miss Beatrice Lenoir Brouwer, secretary, of 4 St John's Apartments. The witnesses were Messrs A. E. Southard and W. G. Pirie.

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3	Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 8.	Castle Peak.	as per sale plan.				about 54,450	$250	$2,725

Holy Land Raided

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TELAVIV, Jan. 19 (UP).—Six enemy raiders flew over the Holy Land in the bright moonlight early on Saturday morning and dropped a number of bombs on open ground.

It was the first time during the war that the population of Telaviv left their beds at the sound of air raid sirens.

HOWLING BLIZZARD

Catches Southern France And Northern Africa

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Jan. 19 (UP).—Southern France is in the grip of a howling blizzard which has completely frozen Vichy's water pipes. The wind was so strong at one point on the outskirts of the city that it blew over a hearse which was going to the cemetery. Most of the communications with other cities have been cut off, the wind breaking telephone poles.

Northern Africa is no better off. In Morocco, near the town of Oulmes, all communications were cut by a rising flood. At Efraine a snow storm cut the electric power lines.

In the Vichy region, a warm south-western wind showed up early this morning cracking the snow and ice which has been solidly frozen since the end of December, and sending thousands of gallons of water into the Allier River which is rising rapidly.

U.S. Freezing Of Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Plans to "freeze" all foreign assets in the United States now only await the signature of the President, according to the "New York Times."

The order will stop the flow of German, Japanese and Italian funds in and out of the United States.

The paper adds that fear of the order is responsible for the recent exodus of German money.

Centenary Views Of Chinese

LOCAL NEWSPAPER LEADERS

Commenting upon the centenary of Hongkong, both the "Ta Kung Pao" and the "Lih Pao" emphasised the significance of close Anglo-Chinese co-operation.

"Ta Kung Pao" said that during the last three years the position of Hongkong has increased in importance and the spirit of mutual aid and mutual understanding in which the Chinese and British work for common welfare is exemplary.

Pointing to the large percentage of Chinese in Hongkong and the enormous Chinese investments in commercial and industrial enterprises, the paper declared that Hongkong's prosperity is in direct proportion to the closeness of the bonds between China and Britain. Therefore Hongkong is in a way a symbol of Sino-British co-operation.

Sino-British Co-Operation

The "Lih Pao" said that Sino-British co-operation is necessary not only in the enhancement of Hongkong's prosperity but also in the maintenance of Far Eastern peace as well as in the post-war rebuilding of the world.

The "Lih Pao" further stated that on Britain's unconditional return of the British concessions in Hankow, Kiukiang and Chinkiang following the conclusion of the Northern Punitive Expedition which brought China under the Control of the National Government, lay the foundation of co-operation between the two nations in recent years. The re-opening of the Burma Road and British assistance to China in her resistance campaign have testified to the value of Sino-British friendship when both nations are undergoing hard times.

Tibetan Regent's Representatives

CHUNGKING, Jan. 20 (Central News).—After staying here for about three weeks, the two representatives of Reting Hutuketu, Regent of Tibet, will shortly return to Tibet. During their stay here they have called on many Government leaders and inspected reconstruction work.

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MISSING CARS

A car belonging to Mr E. E. Robinson of the Harbour View Hotel was stolen between 2 a.m. and 3 p.m. yesterday from the parking place outside Union Building, a car belonging to Mr T. D. Warren of No. 4, Felix Villas was taken away while it was parked outside the house.

Indo-Burma Trade

RANGOON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—It is learned that negotiations for a new Indo-Burma trade agreement will commence at New Delhi on February 1.

The Burmese delegation will be led by the Premier.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

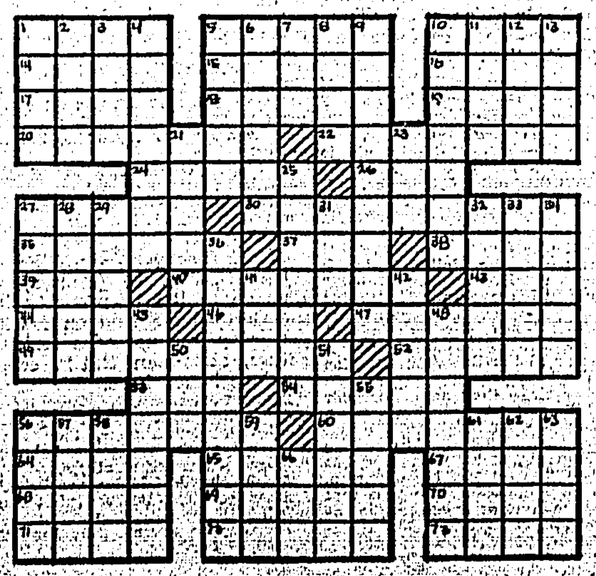
ACROSS

1—Consisting of animal life
5—Not costly
10—Epic narrative
14—Game name (obsolete)
15—River in France
16—Baby-carriage (col.)
17—Inert gas
18—Ancient Roman language
19—Portion
20—Ask advice of
22—Lip-sounds
24—Follow as consequence
26—Milk
27—Meeting place
30—Untidy women
35—Holds tightly
37—Arabian name
38—Bench
39—Rodent
40—Drinks frequently
43—Large bird
44—Middle of March
46—Form of matter
47—Waited upon
49—Publicly accuses
52—Vibrating units in certain musical instruments
53—Girl's name
54—Removes
55—Ungrateful one
56—Causes to practice
64—Anger
65—Living in city
67—Death
68—Medicinal plant
69—Course
70—Sea eagle
71—Information
72—City in Germany
73—Subtle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

1—Metal
2—Oleomargarine
3—Religious image
4—Thuribles
5—Names
6—Chasm
7—Is (French)
8—Indigo dye
9—Punishments
10—Joins ropes
11—Extent
12—Oslt
13—Danish subdivisions
21—Inappropriate
23—Club
25—Passed
27—Biting
28—Clearing in woods
29—Made of oats
31—Everybody
32—Female ruff
33—Nominated
34—Shirt buttons
36—Name signed
41—Kind of mocassin
42—Withers
45—Evening receptions
48—Started again
50—Personification of truth in "Faerie Queene"
51—Dignified
55—Flax cloth
56—Persia
57—River in Africa
58—Shine softly
59—God of love
61—Painful
62—Sea eagle
63—Dance movement
66—Carry-all



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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 15th January. .....Jan. 22.
Canton .....Jan. 22.
Java and Manila .....Jan. 23.
Sandakan .....Jan. 23.
United Kingdom and Straits Jan. 25.
Calcutta and Straits .....Jan. 25.
Swatow .....Jan. 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 10th January) .....Jan. 28.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st January .....Jan. 28.
Calcutta and Straits .....Jan. 30.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 4 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 1 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Haiphong .....3.30 p.m.
Manila, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney.
K. P. O.
Parcels .....Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
Reg. .....Jan. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels .....Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
Reg. .....Jan. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 21, 7.00 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Par. .....Jan. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Let. .....Jan. 21, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 22, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 22, 7.00 p.m.
Canton .....7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways." .....
Kowloon P. O.
Reg. .....Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 23, 6.00 p.m.
Straits .....7.00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24
Formosa .....3.30 p.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 24, 4 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and United-Kingdom.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels, ...Jan. 24, 5.00 p.m.
Reg. .....Jan. 25, 9.45 a.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and *United Kingdom via San Francisco
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. .....Jan. 25, 5 p.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 25, 6.30 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 26
Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul and Tulagi .....8.30 a.m.
Canton .....5 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 28, 11 a.m.
Rangoon and Calcutta .....Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and South Africa .....Noon.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. .....Jan. 28, 11.15 a.m.
Ord. .....Jan. 28, Noon.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."
K.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 28, Noon.
Ord. .....Jan. 28, Noon.
G.P.O.
Reg. .....Jan. 28, Noon.
Ord. .....Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya .....6.30 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 30
Sandakan .....8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta
Parcels .....Jan. 30, 11 a.m.
Letters .....Jan. 30, Noon.
*Superscribed Correspondence Only.

Chan Kwai, 36, dock coolie, found guilty of the theft of nine and a half pounds of nuts and bolts valued at $12 from the Taikoo Docks on January 19, was ordered to pay $25 or serve two months hard labour at Central to-day.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Sunday

January 12

Temperature Drops. The cold snap which descended on the Colony to-day made the day one if the coldest this winter, which except for one or two days, has so far been comparatively mild.

There was a drop of eight degrees compared with Saturday's maximum figure of 69 degrees. The Minimum recorded yesterday was 59.1 degrees at 7 p.m. The temperature then rose a few points towards midnight, though still remaining below 60. Yesterday's maximum was 65 degrees.

A steady rainfall during the greater part of the day made conditions unpleasant, and many sporting fixtures had to be cancelled. In the 12 hours ended at 10.30 p.m. to-day 0.335 inch of rain fell.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

Then there are the office bums, who think you've got matches to burn.

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Lord Lloyd, Colonial Secretary, is likely to become Lord Chancellor. Then our husbands can start all over again!

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"Revolting Abyssinians," says a poster. Tut, tut! Surely all men are equal and brothers (barring the Axis Powers)?

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The wife isn't coming out with me in the car for a while. She caught a cold and can't drive above a whisper.

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Government has now limited the premium on saam-foon-looks to 1%. And that's going to cause a weeping, wailing and gnashing of abacuuses.

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In Baseball they keep account of the performances of every player on the field. Reminding us that the game came from the United Statistates.

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And next time the Society for the Protection of Children has a Flower Day, it might remember that babies and flowers are supposed to be things of beauty and joys forever.

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A reader writes to beg that we stop printing the Women's Page and the Sports Page back to back. Homes are being wrecked: the breakfast wrangle is liable to keep up all day. It might be worse: there might be a comic strip.

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Now there's a War Fund plan for a war memorial park, a mile square, each subscriber to buy a square yard at $1 and have his name on a tablet. That means three million names—to be carved, printed or cast. Wouldn't it be more profitable to invite the public to the Botanic Gardens and let 'em carve their own names on a tree at a dollar a time? Or would the community prefer another War Memorial Hospital?

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Mary had a pair of skates
Went on the ice to frisk.
Wasn't she a silly girl
Her little

• • •

A young ensign, very insistent he must have leave, was asked the reason by his commanding officer. "My wife is expecting a baby," he replied.

"Listen, young man, remember this—you are only necessary at the laying of the keel. For the launching you are entirely superfluous."

Former Governor's Son Weds. The marriage took place at St Peter's, Limpsfield, Surrey, of Flying Officer Cresswell Montagu Clementi, R.A.F. V.R., only son of Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi, of Holmer Court, Holmer Green, Bucks, and Miss Susan Pelham, youngest daughter of Sir Henry and the Hon. Lady Pelham, of Currant Hill, Westerham. The Rev. E. A. Newman and the Rev. C. Steer officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin with a train of old family lace and a headdress of orange-blossom. Her pearl necklace was a gift of the bridegroom and she carried a sheaf of Harrisii lilies. Patrick Sandars (nephew of the bride) was the only child attendant and he wore long white velvet trousers with a satin shirt and carried a wand with a sprig of white heather tied to the top. The grown-up attendants were Miss Jean Edwards and Miss A. Clementi (sister of the bridegroom). They wore picture frocks of white velvet with headdresses of eucharist lilies, and their bouquets were of eucharist lilies and gold leaves. Mr Ronald Atkin was best man. The reception was held at Hoskyns Arms, Oxted.

Sir Cecil Clementi was formerly Governor of Hongkong and his children are well remembered here.

Monday

January 13

Bomber Fund Raffle. The Hongkong War Effort Committee has been fortunate in securing the voluntary services of Mr. S. A. Seth in connection with the Monster Raffle now being organised in aid of the Bomber Fund. Mr Seth, who is a chartered secretary well known throughout the Far East generally, will supervise the issuing of tickets and the accounting work. The office previously used by the Hongkong Travel Bureau on the Star Ferry Wharf, Connaught Road, has been placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Company, and tickets will only be issued to sellers, Clubs, etc., from this centre.

There is a considerable amount of preliminary work to be completed before tickets will be offered to the public, both with regard to the printing of the tickets, account books and other necessary items, and in the preparation of the prize list. Many firms have come forward and offered valuable prizes in addition to the Sunbeam-Talbot Sports Car given by Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd, and it is hoped to publish an advance list within the next few days.

Police Launch In Gun Duel. The No. 1 Police Launch on Sunday engaged three junks in Mirs Bay and, following a firing duel the crews, believed to be pirates, ran their vessels ashore and took to the hills.

A British destroyer was despatched to the scene of the fighting about 7 p.m. the same day, but it is not known if she took part in the fighting.

The Police are confident that the men are part of the gang which made an organised attack on Ping Chau Island last week, taking away considerable loot and 200 elders and merchants who are being held for ransom.

The Police launch arrived at Taipo early this morning with three pirate junks in tow, the pirates having made good their escape.

The pirates were previously reported to have been well equipped with modern small arms so they would be able to put some show against the Police launch which carries a small cannon forward.

Colony's Chess. K. M. A. Barnett, Colony Chess champion, is not defending his title. Entries for the Senior Chess Championship are C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, E. Zimmern, K. Weiss, L. Karpovich and G. S. Coxhead. Zimmern, it will be recalled, was runner-up last year to Barnett.

Considerable progress has been made in the Senior and Junior Championships of the Kowloon Chess Club. The two events are each divided into "A" and "B" Sections and section winners will play the best of three games to decide the titles.

The field is fairly open in the "A" Section of the Senior Championship where both Sequeira and Karprovich have scored 5½ points each, although the former has a game in hand. In the "B" Section it looks very much like a victory for Carvalho, who has 6½ points in eight games, Biriukoff, his nearest rival, having scored 5 points in nine games.

V. V. Kointchoff and J. Grefalda are vieing of for honours in the "A" section of the Junior Championship, while S. Benjamin, who has obtained 6 points in seven games, look a certain winner of "B" section.

To Aid China War Work. Two young men who graduated from the University of Hongkong last year have answered the call for volunteer doctors by the Chinese Red Cross Medical Relief Corps, which is the field organisation of the Chinese Red Cross, and will be leaving for the Red Cross Headquarters in Kweiyang shortly with a quantity of medical supplies. They will be working under the direction of Dr Robert Lim.

The volunteers are Dr G. M. Abraham, son of Mr R. Abraham, well-known local sharebroker; and Dr Ho Hung-chiu, grandson of Sir Robert Ho Tung. They are being financed by the Hongkong University Union Chinese Medical Relief Association.

Another volunteer, Dr T. F. Kok, is also expected to leave for the interior of China shortly on war relief work.

The recent bombing of Waichow by the Japanese, when the Catholic Hospital was destroyed and about 500 people wounded or killed, has resulted in Dr Andrew Sporrer being sent to Waichow by the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China. Dr Sporrer left Hongkong on Sunday, and it is possible that he may be assisted by Drs Abraham and Ho when they pass through Waichow on their way to Kweiyang.

Other Hongkong University graduates who are now connected with the Chinese Red Cross in the interior are Dr K. K. Cheng, Dr Eva Ho Tung, and Dr Sze.

Tuesday

January 14

Ferries Collide And Sink. Prompt action by Sergeant Medley of No. 7 Police Launch probably prevented any loss of life when two ferries belonging to the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Co., Ltd, collided in the harbour at 12.25 p.m.

The ferries were the Man Shing, proceeding from Kowloon City to Hongkong with about 100 passengers, and the Man Ping, en route to Hunghom from Hongkong with about 50 passengers. The accident occurred near Holt's Wharf when the two ferries tried to avoid hitting a sampan, the Man Shing's bow crashing into the starboard side of the Man Ping.

Apart from the crew of the sampan, who were taken to Kowloon Hospital suffering from the effects of immersion, no persons have been reported drowned or injured.

Evacuation Test Case. An action to test the legality of the regulation prohibiting British women from coming to Hongkong was brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court to-day when Mabel Evelyn Blair, of Broadwood Road, cited as defendants Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, and Mr E. C. Luscombe, Acting Superintendent of Police.

The writ of summons stated the plaintiff's claims to be:—

(a) for a declaration that Regulation No. 3 of Defence (Entry Restrictions) Regulations, so far as it applies to British subjects resident in the Colony, is *ultra vires*, void and of no effect;

(b) alternatively, a declaration that the defendants have no power under Regulation No. 6 (b) of the said Regulations to compel the plaintiff to leave the Colony against her will;

(c) an injunction to restrain the defendants or any police officer authorised by the first defendant from taking action against the plaintiff under the said regulations;

(d) such further or other relief as shall be just; and, (e) costs.

Hon. Mr Leo d'Almada, Jnr, instructed by E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co., appeared for plaintiff, and defendants were represented by Mr H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. W. Davies, Crown Solicitor.

The Chief Justice reserved his judgment, but stated that owing to the importance of the issues he would deliver his decision in writing on January 21.

Review Of The Principal Topics

January 12 To Jan. 18

Wednesday

January 15

League Badminton. Four matches were played in "B" Division of the Badminton League to-night, most notable results being the victories of St John's and Kowloon Cricket Club.

Following were the scores:

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Chung Wah by 8 games to 1.

A. R. Pollak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.) lost to C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy 9—21; lost to P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21—23; lost to F. S. Li and S. C. Liang 5—21.

L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.) lost to Chiu and Choy 5—21; lost to Leung and Chiu 16—21; lost to Li and Liang 10—21.

B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.) lost to Chiu and Choy 5—21; lost to Leung and Chiu 12—21; beat Li and Liang 21—9.

Playing at home, Kowloon Tong lost to St John's by 6 games to 3.

Peter Lo and Joe Tsang (Kowloon Tong) lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 16—21; beat H. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21—9; lost to H. Eardley and D. Kwok 6—21.

J. A. Chen and N. A. E. Mackay (Kowloon Tong) lost to Smith and Wilson 8—21; beat Maynard and Ladd 21—8; lost to Eardley and Kwok 3—21.

R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong) lost to Smith and Wilson 10—21; beat Maynard and Ladd—21—7; lost to Eardley and Kwok 5—21.

At King's Park Recreio beat Victoria Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2.

P. P. Botelho and K. A. Yvanovich Jr (Recreio) lost to D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn 22—24; beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21—13; beat F. Castro and A. A. Remedios 21—13.

E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio) beat Xavier and Rumjahn 21—16; beat Basto and Soares 21—3; beat Castro and Remedios 21—8.

A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio) lost to Xavier and Rumjahn 18—21; beat Basto and Soares 21—11; beat Castro and Remedios 21—17.

Kowloon Cricket Club beat St Andrew's by 5 games to 4.

A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St Andrew's lost to A. E. P. Guest and D. Hazell, 16-21; lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat H. S. Jones and J. L. Anderson, 21-14.

T. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St Andrew's) beat Guest and Hazell, 21-18; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 10-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-15.

M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St Andrew's) lost to Guest and Hazell, 21-13; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-14.

Former Resident Wounded. A former Hongkong resident, Mr John Greaves, who enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at the outbreak of war, was among the Empire troops that took part in the recent fighting in the Western Desert.

News has just been received in the Colony that he was injured in action on Christmas Eve.

Born in Shanghai, young John Greaves is the eldest son of the late Mr Cecil K. Greaves, who was a member of the firm of A. S. Watson and Co. in the northern port for more than 30 years. He studied at the Shanghai Public School, and played football regularly for Erin Villa and the Shanghai Recreation Club.

Coming to Hongkong in 1937, he joined the "Hongkong Daily Press" and later M. Bernha and Co., and left for Australian in 1939.

Mr Greaves has a brother, two sisters and other relations in the Colony.

THE "CUP THAT CHEERS" AT THE K.C.C.

A late night and a heavy day was the lot of the K.C.C. Entertainments Sub-Committee over the New Year, and after they had finished their task of carrying through a first-rate carnival dance and then a special tea and concert for the kiddies, the members of the committee sat down to enjoy a quiet cup of tea. Here they are caught by the "Telegraph's" cameraman: Messrs. F. Burch, Vic Labrum, Teddy Fincher, Captain Cecil Houghton and Mr Tommy Carr.

Thursday

January 16

The 1941-42 Budget.—A new tax on table waters and further increases in rates and in the duties on heavy oils, liquors, entertainment and estates and increased postage rates to meet part of anticipated deficit of roughly $7,500,000 for the coming year were mentioned by the Hon Mr H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary, at a meeting of the Legislative Council to-day, when he introduced the draft estimates of expenditure for 1941-42. These taxes, he said, would yield approximately $3,000,000 and to meet the remaining deficit he suggested an increase in war taxation, for which purpose it was proposed that the War Revenue Committee be re-constituted to re-examine the matter.

Government entered the year 1940 with a general reserve of $17,091,179 and a public debt of $27,000,000. Most of the reserve had already been expended as advances in anticipation of loans, and the real reserve now amounted to about $7,000,000.

The estimated expenditure for the coming year amounts in all to $62,389,776, inclusive of $12,300,274 specially classed as war expenditure, while the estimated revenue is about $54,836,000—$45,536,000 from ordinary sources and $9,300,000 from war taxation.

In framing the estimates, said Mr Butters, there had been two major considerations—defence and social services. The major items in the defence budget for next year are $4,000,000 for the construction of air raid shelters and $5,220,000 for the building of vessels to be presented to the Admiralty and War Department.

As regards social services which, the Financial Secretary submitted, must not be allowed to lag behind nor even to stand still, the estimates include provisions for a Fisheries Research Station, an Experimental Agricultural Station in the New Territories, the daily collection of nightsoil from the tenements in the urban area by labour directly employed by the Sanitary Department, an Infectious Diseases Hospital, a new mortuary and disinfection station in Kowloon, a new block for the Central Police Station, and new Police Stations at Kowloon Tong and Blue Pool Road.

New Duties.—New and increased duties on liquor and fuel oil were announced in *Government Gazettes Extraordinary* to-day. The new duties, which came into force yesterday, are as follows, with the old ones in brackets:

Liqueurs, Champagne and other sparkling wines.—Empire origin, $10 ($14.25); other origin, $20 (same).

Brandy.—Empire origin, $16 (0.25); other origin, $24 ($20).

Gin, Whisky and other spirituous liquors.—Hongkong origin, $10 (free); Empire origin, $16 ($12.50); other origin, $24 ($20).

Port, Sherry and Maderia.—Empire origin, $10 ($7.50); other origin, $15 ($12).

Other still wines.—Empire origin, $3 ($0.25); other origin, $12 (10).

Cider and Perry.—Empire origin, $1 (50 cents); other origin, $1.50 (60 cents).

Concentrated Beer in whatever form, whether ale basis, or malt and hops concentrate, or otherwise.—Hongkong origin, 90 cents (60 cents); Empire origin, $1.20, (80 cents); other origin, $1.60 ($1).

Other Beer, except Cider and Perry, not exceeding 1,055 degrees original gravity.—Hongkong origin, 80 cents (70 cents); Empire origin, $1.20 (same); other origin, $1.60 (same).

Chinese type liquor.—Hongkong origin, $2 ($1.50); Empire origin, $2 ($1.75); other origin, $2 ($1.75).

Sake.—Hongkong origin, $2 ($1.50); Empire origin, $2 ($1.50); other origin $3 ($1.50).

Liquors other than intoxicating liquors but excluding spirits of wine or arrack.—Hongkong origin, $2 ($1.50); Empire origin, $2 ($1.50); other $3 ($1.50).

Spirits of wine or arrack.—Hongkong origin, $2; Empire origin, $3; Other origin, $3.

Hydrocarbon Oils.—New duties on hydrocarbon oils are.—Lights oils, 55 cents (60 cents); Heavy oils to be used as fuel for any heavy oil road traffic, 40 cents (30 cents); other hydrocarbon oils, 10 cents (free).

Table Waters.—A new duty of 24 cents per gallon is imposed on table waters, which includes any aerated waters and any bevorages sold or kept for sale in bottles, other than syrups or other liquids intended to be consumed only in a diluted form.

Putting Stop To Nuisance.—Moving the first reading of "A Bill to amend the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919," at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Attorney General the Hon. Mr C. G. Alabaster, said: The object of this Bill is to put an end to a nuisance which is explained in the Memorandum of Object and Reasons. The practice of block-booking is well-known throughout the world, and in many places it is more convenient for customers to buy their tickets at an agency than to travel some distance and wait at the entrance of a theatre till the booking office is open. But here, as explained in the final paragraph of the Memorandum, it has become a racket and something more than a ramp; it has resulted in several assaults on members of the public and even in a street murder outside a theatre.

It has a very distant connection with finance as well, because under the Entertainment Tax Ordinance, the tax varies with the price paid for admission, and the price paid for admission when paid to these touts is never the price on which we can base the entertainment tax.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Entertainment Tax.—The Attorney General also moved the first reading of "A Bill to amend the Entertainments Tax Ordinance, 1930."

He said. This is in substitution of the Bill which was read at the end of last year and passed its first reading only. It is to the same effect except that it reduces the price of tickets free from duty to four cents. Under the Ordinance it is 20 cents, and it was proposed under the earlier Bill to reduce it to 17 cents. It is now proposed to reduce the price to four cents so that this Council, when it passes the resolution, will have a free hand to tax any admission price from five cents upwards.

Seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill was read a first time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the following Bill was passed through its final stages: "A Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance 1912."

Resolution Of Loyalty.—A resolution, renewing the expression of the Colony's loyalty to the Throne on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, was moved by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, at a meeting of the Legislative Council to-day.

His Excellency said, "With the approval of the Council I propose that the following message be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for transmission to His Majesty the King, timing it so that if he graciously pleases to send us a reply we should get it in time for the centenary celebrations. The form of the resolution I suggest is 'That the Legislative Council of this Colony, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Colony's foundation, humbly renews the expression of its loyalty to the Throne, and its devotion to the Empire's cause.'" (Applause).

The Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson: I have very great pleasure in seconding that.

The Hon. Mr M. K. Lo: On behalf of my Chinese colleagues and myself, I desire most respectfully to associate ourselves with the resolution.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Friday

January 17

Hongkong Wedding. Cream satin cut on simple lines, with a bodice and sleeves of cream Nottingham lace, was the lovely wedding gown worn by Miss Elsie Jean Lammert to-day when she became the bride of Mr Harold Denison Bidwell at St Joseph's Church. Her tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, and for a bouquet she carried a sheaf of arum lilies.

The Rev. Fr G. Byrne officiated, and the Rev. Fr A. Riganti was at the organ, with Miss Elvie Yuen as soloist.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. E. Lammert of Hongkong. Owing to the evacuation scheme Mrs Lammert and her youngest daughter were unable to attend the ceremony, as they are in Australia.

The bridegroom is the only son of Mrs Bidwell and the late Mr G. S. V. Bidwell, of No. 43 Tunsin Road, Shanghai. Mrs Bidwell was also unable to attend the ceremony as (in view of the evacuation scheme) she was not able to obtain a permit to enter the Colony.

Miss Isa Lammert, the bride's sister, was the bridesmaid, and wore a frock of blue crepe with three-quarter sleeves embroidered with silver beads. Her Juliet cap was also embroidered with silver beads and was trimmed with a shoulder-length veil. Pastel shades of sweet peas composed her bouquet.

Mr L. E. Lammert gave his daughter away, while Mr H. van Leeuwen, of the Java-China-Japan-Lijn acted as best man.

A largely attended reception was held later in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel. Mrs Bidwell changed into a mulberry toned wool dress and jacket with brown accessories when the happy couple left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Espulse Bay.

Fire-Watchers for H.K. The formation of a new body, 3,000 strong, as fire-watchers and fire-fighters, was announced by the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, to-day. He also appealed for 400 volunteers to act as tunnel wardens in the air raid tunnel shelters.

The scheme for the formation of the new body was to group a number of houses together, and to get the inhabitants to supply the necessary men to form a party who will be able to tackle any fires caused by incendiaries at once, and to prevent a big outbreak.

"The organisation for obtaining these men has not yet been completed, but is now being worked out," said Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins. "I am confident I shall have as good a response as I have had for other A.R.P. services.

"It is also necessary to organise about 400 men and women who will be employed as tunnel wardens and be responsible for seeing that passages are kept clear, that people are moved into the tunnels, and only the necessary number compatible with safety are allowed inside."

Any man or woman wishing to join this force, known as the Fire-Watchers' Corps or Tunnel Wardens' Corps, is asked to send his or her name and address to the A.R.P. Headquarters as soon as possible.

Anderson Shelters

Wind-Comdr Steele-Perkins also announced that many more Anderson shelters are now available for sale to the general public. The shelters cost $145 each, but intending purchasers will have to pay the cost of transport from Kowloon to their place of residence.

Hongkong Man Missing. Pilot Officer W. E. Peers, well known Hongkong resident, is at present missing, according to a cable from the Air Ministry received in Hongkong to-night. The cable said Pilot Officer Peers was reported missing during enemy action on the night of January 15-16.

Pilot Officer Peers, who was familiarly known as "Andy," was a member of the staff of the Hongkong Electric Company until shortly after the war began when he volunteered for service in the R.A.F. He was a prominent rugby player.

Mrs Peers, his wife, who is still in Colony, is at present indisposed.

Education report due to a further influx of both Chinese and Europeans brought about by unsettled conditions in China, the maximum enrolment in all classes of schools in 1939 reached a new record of 118,193, an increase of 14,059 over the enrolment of the previous year, which was itself a record, according to the annual report of the Education Department tabled before the Legislative Council on Thursday.

The report disclosed that discipline was good in all schools, but in some there was still too much passive listening. As regards the health of the pupils, dental disease formed the largest group of defects, with short sight next in frequency.

Another £2,000 for Bombers. A cheque for $32,060.81, being the equivalent of £2,000 was handed to the Hongkong Government this morning for telegraphic transfer to the British Government. This makes the 17th. instalment remitted to London from the War Fund inaugurated by "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph" for the purchase of bombers. At 4 p.m. yesterday the Fund had reached a total of $1,545,525.66, the Sterling total remitted to London now stands at £96,289-19-6.

Saturday

January 18

Centenary Celebrations. The Centenary celebrations of Hongkong began shortly after eight o'clock to-night with broadcast talks by community leaders from ZBW, headed by an address by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-Geeneral E. F. Norton.

His Excellency reviewed the progress and development of the Colony during the last hundred years, referred briefly to the growth of London as an industrial centre and drew an analogy between the two trade centres, pointing out that both had the same geographical advantages, and that the Chinese, who had contributed so much in the development of Hongkong, had the same qualities of business acumen and integrity which enabled the Englishman to develop London to its pre-eminent position in world commerce.

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall followed with a talk on "Anglo-Chinese Co-operation—Past, Present and Future" in which he dwelt at length on the great industrial potential of the Colony, and the spirit of healthy and friendly rivalry that existed between the British and Chinese in all spheres of public life.

League Cricket. Heavy drizzle interfered with to-day's League and friendly Cricket fixtures four of the seven games being abandoned after half an hour's play, and one game not being started at all. The only matches played without interruption were the two between Recreio and University in the First and Second divisions.

The Civil Service versus Police game at Happy Valley was not started at all, while on a neighbouring ground in 20 minutes' play the Indian R.C. Seniors scored 41 for one, K. M. Rumjahn being bowled by Ismail for 6 and A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar being undefeated with 18 and 9, respectively, against Craigengower.

The Army started their innings against Kowloon C.C. at Sookunpoo, in a friendly game, and had scored 25 for 2 when play was stopped by a heavy drizzle.

In another friendly on the I.R.C. ground between the Indian juniors and Royal Engineers, Ratcliffe of the Sappers had scored 20 not out, when the game had to be abandoned.

Skipworth was bowled by Baker for a "duck" and Alec Pearce and Allison were batting for Hongkong Cricket Club against Royal Artillery at Chater Road, when rain stopped play.

Bomber Fund Flag Day. The Bomber Fund Flag Day was a great success, and it is probable that nearly $10,000 has been received from the street sales.

The demand for flags exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Hongkong War Effort Committee, the majority of sellers disposing of their "bomber badges" before 9.30 a.m. Flags were rushed back from some of the outlying districts in order to help cope with the city rush, and a few ladies were thus enabled to continue selling until shortly before noon.

That the public responded generously was indicated by the number of five and ten dollar notes, the highest contribution being one of one hundred dollars. Foreign currencies were represented by U.S. Gold dollars, Sterling pesos, piastres and Japanese coinage. There was also an English postal-order. It was estimated by the checkers that silver and copper coinage weighed well over two hundredweight. The response from Kowloon was specially good.

The task of opening the boxes and checking the contents was in charge of Mr J. A. Ritchie (who was responsible for the organisation of the Flag Day), assisted by Mr A. Seth and Mrs Brostedt and a staff of Chinese helpers.

Several boxes have yet to come in from outlying districts but the preliminary check indicates that between $9,000 and $10,000 has been raised for the Bomber Fund. On account of the bulk of the collection, the money was placed in Police custody over the week-end. Fully $5,700 was received in the form of banknotes.

Flag sellers were drawn from the Nursing Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, the Women's Section of the Air Raids Precaution Department, whose green uniforms were very prominent at the Ferry wharves and at main street crossings, and members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service. They all worked enthusiastically for the cause.

League Football. To-day's results in the Hongkong Football League were as follows:

First Division

Police	2	Club	1
Eastern	2	South China	3
*Middlesex		*Kowloon	
Kwong Wah	4	Navy	1
Royal Scots	1	Sing Tao	5

Second Division

South China	5	Police	3
Navy	3	Club	2
R.A.O.C.	1	30th R.A.	2

Third Division

R.E.	0	R.A.F.	8
35th R.A.	2	Shell	2
R.A.M.C.	3	A.S.A.	1
*24th R.A.		*20th R.A.	
7th R.A.	4	International	3
Signals	3	12th R.A.	2

Junior Shield

Royal Scots	1	Chinese A.S.C.	4
Middlesex	3	R.A.S.C.	6
Engineers	6	Kowloon	6

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MASKS AND FACES

THE subterranean night life that has been imposed upon many people in Britain's large towns has compelled the medical profession to give attention to new or semi-new means of combating the spread of disease in shelters during the winter months.

The use of face masks to ward off the dangers of "droplet" infection from people who cough and sneeze has been mentioned as a promising method of approach to the problem. Masks, it is said, are already available in considerable numbers. It may, therefore be expected that these will be provided by a beneficent Government for all who want them, as have been gas-masks, and as will be, in the near future, ear-plugs to produce tympanic security during air raids.

The common cold has for long been looked upon as an insoluble problem. Whether really earnest endeavours have been made to solve it has sometimes been doubted. Cynics have suggested that without the common cold and its sequelae many practitioners would not be able to keep the wolf from the door. It is a debatable point.

But if masks are desirable as a protection against coughs and sneeze in air-raid shelters, are they not also necessary in railway trains and other public means of transit, in theatres and cinemas, in shops and factories, in the home and in the street—everywhere, in fact?

A good case could be made out for every member of the populace being carefully masked at all times during the more inclement half of the year. Whether there would be a corresponding slump in the incidence of the common cold and its cronies, who could tell? Possibly the germ is as tough as the British people themselves—the result of long association and mutual respect.

GREECED LIGHTNING!!!

WHY GREECE WENT TO WAR

by Robert Mackay

It was fitting that Greece, "Mother of all democracy", should refuse to sacrifice her independence at the behest of a dictator.

It was in the great Greek tradition that her people should prefer the hazards of war to submission to slavery. A small nation, successfully devoting its attention to its own social and economic development, and unable to build up powerful armaments, is specially marked down as their victims by the predatory Powers. The latter, as Mr Cordell Hull recently put it, are trying to reduce the nations of the civilised world to the degradation of the relationship of slaves to masters.

Yet Greece refused to submit. In his message to the Greek people the King said: "There are doubtless hard trials to be borne." The Greek people is fully aware of them. Nevertheless it has bravely chosen to resist foes of superior numbers and military preparation. That action is symbolic. It is not only an act of courage worthy of an heroic past. It is an act of faith: of confidence in the future.

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It was that sober confidence to which the British Monarch gave expression in his message, when he said that both the Greek and the British peoples would meet the hard trials of the future "in the firm faith that ultimate victory is assured by the ever-increasing strength of the free peoples." For what does Greek action betoken? Nothing less than this: the Balkan peoples, hemmed in though they are by the totalitarian Powers, believe in a British victory. So do all free peoples, more especially since the Dunkirk episode. Dunkirk was not merely a strategic withdrawal of British troops from the Continent of Europe. Much less was it, as the Germans fondly supposed, the beginning of the end of British resistance. Dunkirk was a new dawn. It marked the opening of a new chapter that their magnificent organism was intact. It convinced them that though they would for many long months have to bear, single-handed, the brunt of the military effort by air, sea and land, yet they had both the courage and the means to do it.

Dunkirk gave them renewed confidence in themselves, in their capacity to endure and in their ability to mobilise all their forces to fight until the final victory.

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Germany is fully aware—as is her satellite, Italy—that Great Britain is the formidable obstacle opposing the enslavement of free peoples. That is why Germany has not hesitated to declare, with the applause of Italy, that her objective is to "eliminate Great Britain". In accepting that challenge, the British people have gathered fresh confidence at every stage of the war: not only from their successes, but also from the reverses which have deprived them of the effective co-operation of their Allies.

Above all, their confidence has never wavered in the justice of the cause for which they are fighting. Nor has their conviction ceased to grow that all free peoples will become daily more aware of the real issues at stake.

Practical evidence of this aspect is to be seen in the fact that it is London which the leading men of the once free countries of Europe have chosen as the centre from which they may all, within the measure of means, collaborate in preparing for the common victory.

Leaders of Poland and Norway; Holland and Czechoslovakia, as well as the representatives of free Belgians and free French, are all assembled in London, working for the freedom of their countrymen from German tyranny.

There is something symbolic in that circumstance. It is not merely that these statesmen have confidence in the might of the British Empire and in the British ability to restore liberty to enslaved countries. It is that they have faith in the political ideals of the British people, and in the democratic principles and processes which the British people place at the service of those ideals. That is a spontaneous recognition of the value of the collaboration of the British nation in restoring independence to those who have lost it. It is an expression of confidence in the profoundly human meaning of the victory that will crown the efforts of Great Britain and her collaborators.

The dogged British courage which converted the dark hours of Dunkirk into a glorious epic was inspired by faith, the same faith which steeled the British people to resist a possible invasion and withstand, grimly and gaily, the shock of indiscriminate bombardment. It is that unconquerable spirit which has enabled the British airmen to carry the war constantly and deeply into Nazi country.

This unshaken confidence of the British people is bearing fruit: it is an inspiration to all free peoples. Recently, more than 100 delegates from widely separated parts of the British Empire are taking part in a Conference in India. Their object is to co-ordinate the production of war supplies in Empire countries, east and south of Suez. This is a remarkable sign of the unity of purpose of the free peoples of the British Commonwealth. In a message to the Conference, Mr Winston Churchill said that people in England would "find fresh encouragement in your labours, and look to the day when the forces created by our efforts both in the east and west advance together for the final overthrow of the powers of evil."

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The task of civilisation is a common one: it is to save civilisation. In that task, nothing has contributed more effectively to fortify the spirit of all free peoples than the sober and unwavering confidence of the British people in themselves and their cause. It is because she believed in the final victory, in which the whole British Commonwealth is confident, that Greece decided to resist the wanton aggression of those who would enslave her. It is because the cause to which Great Britain has dedicated herself is a universal cause, a service to humanity, that all free peoples are rallying to her. For the British nation is not fighting for a peace of her own making: she is fighting for a peace which shall ensure the freedom of all.

THE MERE MAN

How to Balance the Budget

I envy Mr Butters his position. As Financial Secretary, he can cast about and look for means to secure revenue whenever the Government is short of money, and once his proposals are passed none of us dares refuse to pay. But when a mere man finds it difficult to balance his budget, he cannot make a small levy here and another there without cries of "touch" or "thief." That is where my envy enters—and often I have wished I were more of a wizard at figures so that I might be appointed guardian of the finances of some Pacific Island and have my own back.

Seriously, however, it must be said that the Financial Secretary has introduced a very sound budget for the next year, and it is unlikely that the proposals will meet with any resistance.

It is somewhat reassuring to discover that the Government has not lost sight of Hongkong's social needs, though it frankly admits that in the present situation there can be little expectation of being able to solve each and every problem.

It is a disappointment, however, that the Government has shown little willingness to give active consideration to the question of employing more local people in the higher grades of service. It is high time that the policy be re-examined, and much more so when there is a large deficit and economies must be effected.

James Joyce

Writers of letters to the editor have taken up the subject of James Joyce's English, and it seems that there is some relief that the language is safer for Joyce's passing. It is easy to condemn, easiest of all when you cannot understand what you are supposed to judge, but it is erroneous to think, as some people do, that writers like Joyce deliberately adopted their style to hide the fact that they cannot write English. The same accusation has been made also against artists like Picasso.

I have never pretended to be able to understand Joyce, and have never had the time to take "Ulysses" to pieces to find out what the author is driving at. Yet, from reading his poems, I find that Joyce was able to write exceptionally good and exquisite English when he really wanted to. Take the following, "A Flower Given to My Daughter," written several years ago—is it not a gem?

Frail the white rose and frail are
Her hands that gave
Whose soul is sere and paler
Than time's wan wave.

Rosefrail and fair—yet frailest
A wonder wild
In gentle eyes thou veilest
My blueveined child.

—Claudius.

MUSSO on the SPOT

by Beverley Baxter M. P.

Well authenticated reports from Rome reveal that Mussolini is in a state of exasperation that finds vent in constant paroxysms of rage. In fact his medical advisers are urging him to rest and to calm himself for fear his health should be impaired.

Mussolini's exasperation is almost all embracing. He denounces his generals for failing to give him the victories he covets. He denounces his admirals for the long series of disasters to his beloved fleet culminating in the affair at Taranto where two battleships were destroyed and two cruisers crippled by the Fleet Air Arm of the British.

He is furious with the Greeks for resisting and deeply depressed by the loss of his crack Alpine Division.

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In desperation, and seeking to restore his waning prestige, he has been sending Italian bombers to attack London. On Armistice Day, 18 of them came over, escorted by a large number of German fighters. Two squadrons of British Spitfires and Hurricanes went up as a reception committee. The ceremony lasted exactly 15 minutes when the five surviving Italian machines made off for France with the Germans politely leading the way.

That night the British pilots who had not lost a single machine drank two toasts: "To our comrades of the last war" and "To Italians—may they come again soon."

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Mussolini has declared to his intimates that the German escort fighters left his bombers to their fate. In fact the whole incident has strengthened his suspicion that Hitler intends to throw him to the wolves—or rather to the lion—and play for a partnership with France instead. Mussolini is deeply resentful of Hitler's assumption that Germany is the centre of the Axis around which the others merely revolve.

Even if all that were not enough Mussolini's complexion is darkened still more by his conviction that Ciano is not showing him that respect due to a man who is at once his Duce and his father-in-law. Certainly Ciano has not tried to hide his disapproval of the military appointments made by Mussolini and the barrenness of their achievements.

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The entire Fascist Party in fact is gravely concerned with the news from inside as well as outside Italy. The Government has endeavoured to give as little depressing news as possible with the result that rumour, always a lively element among Italians, is making things appear worse even than they are.

More than twenty Italian submarines have put to sea and never returned. The relatives of the unfortunate crews are demanding news that is denied to them and tempers are rising.

Food is costly and by no means abundant. The petrol supplies, despite Britain's easy-going tolerance in the first eight months of the war, are running low. Finally there is the discouragement of the repeated warning in the Italian Press that the war will be long and difficult.

Axis Bomber Losses In Mediterranean War

("Reuter's" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm have put up such opposition to the German air threat in the Mediterranean that the Luftwaffe, in the short space of eight days, has been forced to change its tactics.

German fighters are now in action besides the Stuka dive-bombers and other bombers also in operation.

These changes are revealed by the Axis High Commands' own versions of the joint air operations. For example, on January 10 Junker 87 dive-bombers were accompanied by Italian torpedo-bombers in an attack on a British convoy in the Sicilian Channel.

On January 15 and 16 heavy raids on Malta were made by Junkers 88 as well as 87 dive-bombers, which were accompanied by Italian fighters.

On January 17 single German bombers, presumably the long-range type, attacked targets in the Suez Canal by night.

Aerodromes Raided

On January 18, German dive-bombers and other bombers again attacked Malta and this time German as well as Italian fighters escorted the raiders.

The objective in the last raid on Malta were the R.A.F. aerodromes. This plan of attack follows that adopted by the Luftwaffe over England last summer after British fighters had forced German dive-bombers to abandon attacks on convoys in the English Channel.

Hurricane fighters shot down five dive-bombers over Malta yesterday. Last Thursday they also destroyed five raiding aircraft while five others fell to anti-aircraft gunners.

In the initial blow at the British Mediterranean Fleet on December 10, the raiding formation was not escorted by fighters. As a result, 12 planes were brought down, chiefly by Fleet Air Arm fighters. Three British warships were hit.

Heavy Blow At Catania

On Sunday night and again later in the week, R.A.F. bombers heavily raided Catania airport in Sicily, one of the Nazi bases. Between 30 and 40 aircraft were destroyed or damaged in the first raid alone. In two raids, several hangars were damaged.

The Chief British problem in combating the German menace is possession of sufficient land and shore-based fighters. Already the Germans have had to bring into service their own fighters to protect the Junkers 87 and to employ other bombers.

Control of Inland Sea

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The Near East war, in which German dive-bombers and British troops have shared the limelight, continued to hold attention to-day as bad weather drew a screen over the war in the west.

The German air force, seeking to aid Italy by gaining control over the central Mediterranean waters, made another attack on the British naval base of Malta to-day, according to Berlin reports.

Hitherto no account of the raid has been received from Malta direct, but apparently the Germans switched their attack back to the harbour after bombing R.A.F. aerodromes on Saturday.

German dive-bombers are now being protected by German and Italian fighters,—and the Germans admit losing three more aircraft to R.A.F. fighters who, although outnumbered, shot down six in combat yesterday, making a total of at least 11 since Thursday.

Wang Ching-wei Bank Opens In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Jan. 20 (Reuter).—Gaily decorated with flowers and flags, the Shanghai branch of Wang Ching-wei's Central Reserve Bank opened this morning.

Simultaneously the new currency made its first appearance as officials attending the opening ceremony tipped the Chinese waiters with the new money.

There is much speculation regarding the possible effects of the new currency on Shanghai's money market.

Leung Yu, 40, dock coolie was ordered to pay $25 or to two months hard labour at Central Magistracy to-day for theft of a maritime signalling torch valued at $20 from a steamer berthed alongside the Taikoo Docks on January 18.

Saiyingpun Speech Day

Unsavoury Surroundings Of School

"The hope that there would soon be a new building to take the place of the present structure with its "unsavoury surroundings" was expressed by Mr. J. Ralston, Senior Inspector of Schools, when he gave away the prizes at the annual speech day of the Saiyingpun Vernacular School for Boys (Vernacular Middle School) this morning.

In the course of his report, the Headmaster, Mr Li King-hong, said: "The maximum enrolment of the year was 249 and the average attendance was 97.7 per cent. I am happy to say that our percentage of attendance is always high, which reflects our boys' good health in general and regularity of work.

To continue our scheme of the previous year, we started in September two new classes, Lower Primary III and IV, by eliminating class Normal II and one section of Higher Primary II. The completion of this scheme means that we have at present entirely given up our Normal Division and have established four consecutive Lower Primary classes so that our school begins with class Lower Primary I and leads up consecutively to class Higher Middle II.

Examinations

In last July all our 13 Normal II students (the last batch of boys of the Normal Division) sat for their final examination conducted by the Education Office and 10 passed. Of all the 13 Higher Middle II boys who sat for the School Certificate Examination six turned out successful and two of these were awarded Class I Scholarships. The other nine classes of the school were highly satisfactory in their annual examination, their average percentage of pass being 86.15.

"In February the Exhibition of Kwangtung Cultural and Historic Objects held at the Fung Ping Shan Library invited University undergraduates and Middle School boys in the Colony to send in Chinese commentary essays on all categories of its exhibits. Of the first ten papers chosen by a board of examiners, three were submitted by pupils of this school. I am always of the opinion that without some general culture as its basis, education must be a very dull and mechanical process for the preparation for the pupil's future life.

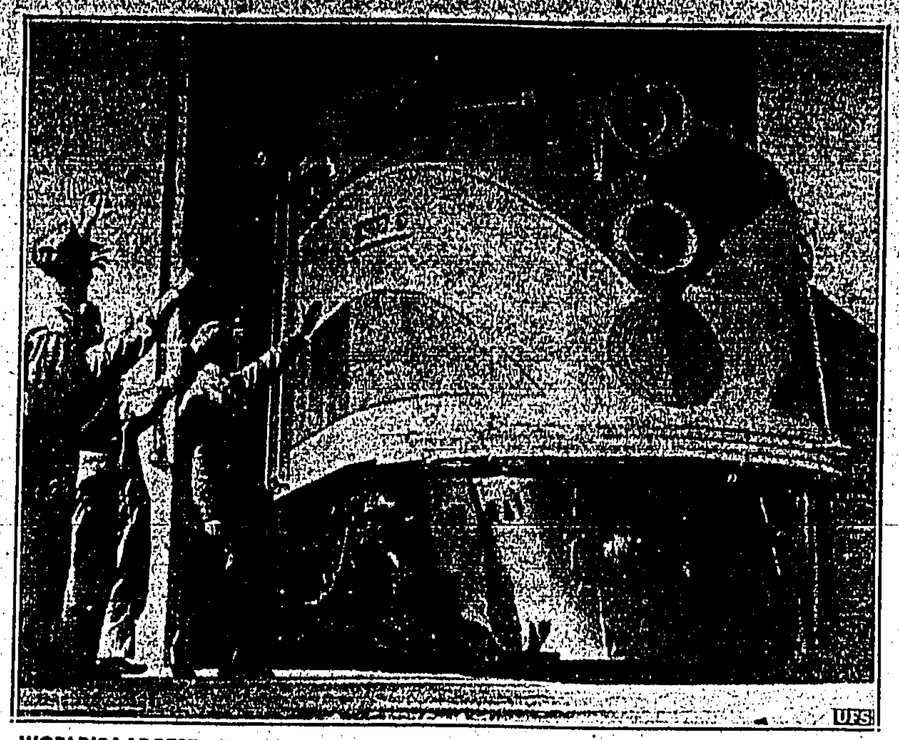
A word of thanks is due to the Pan-Hok-Tuan gentlemen. At the end of last February the Hon. Mr Li Tse-fong and Mr Kwong Tsi-ming relinquished their posts as our Hok Tung representing the Pan-Hok-Tuan, and in their stead Mr Kwok Yau-ting and Mr Fung Heung-chuen were appointed by the Government.

A New School

After he had presented the prizes, Mr Ralston congratulated the Headmaster and his staff on the excellent report.

"A building such as this," he said, "is anything but conducive to good work. Even this morning the noises that we heard are sufficient to distract our attention, and to go on year after year in these unsavoury and noisy surroundings is not an ideal state of affairs for a school. One day we hope a new school will be built. (Applause).

"This is a very appropriate week for prize giving because it is the Centenary Week of the British occupation of Hongkong. One hundred years ago this week was started that co-operation between the British and Chinese in Hongkong which has made it such a large and prosperous sea port. I hope that before you go on your New Year holidays your teachers or Headmaster will speak to you on this subject so that you will be able to appreciate what you and I and all of us owe to the British flag in Hongkong."



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British Children Happy In New Canadian Homes

The British children who have been evacuated to Canada are rapidly becoming accustomed to the Canadian way of life and customs. Most of them are in homes where there are other children of about the same age. They are being dressed the same way, eat the same food, go to the same schools, play the same games and talk about the same things as their foster-brothers and sisters.

They have learned to play baseball, Canadian children's favourite summer game, and are looking forward to learning how to ski in the winter. Already some of the children who came to Canada early this summer cannot be distinguished from Canadian children except when they talk, when their English accent easily gives them away.

The British children at first had some difficulty with the slang expressions of the Canadians, but are now becoming almost as expert in using them as the Canadian children are. They no longer say "those boys," but "those guys." They do not say, "I don't believe you" when they doubt anything. They say "boloney!"

Government's Care

An elaborate and careful organisation had been created to look after the children brought out under the Government-sponsored scheme. The British Government delivered them to some Canadian port of entry. There the Canadian Government took charge of them, divided them into small parties suitably escorted, allocated them to different provinces on the basis either of the proportion of applications from each or in accordance with arrangements made with the British parents for some definite destination, and despatched them for a brief waiting period to the several provincial capitals.

There the children were kept for a few days rest from their travels. While a close medical watch was kept upon them to see that no communicable disease had been contracted on their ocean voyage, community groups co-operated in welcoming and entertaining them and accustoming them to their new environment.

After their period of waiting in the provincial capitals the children were dispersed to their new homes, which previously had been carefully inspected and approved by the provincial authorities.

Wards of the King

For purposes of guardianship, the children who came out under the joint auspices of the British and Canadian Govenments have all been made wards of the King.

The homes and children are subject to periodic inspection by the authorities. Actually, however, the homes have been so carefully investigated beforehand that little practical necessity for these inspection exists. There have been no cases as yet of any children having landed into undesirable surroundings.

The welfare of the children brought to Canada privately is entirely in the hands of the families who have taken them in.

Many of the children arrived during the summer and have been more fortunate than those who arrived later in that they have been able to gradually acclimatise themselves to the Canadian weather, now growing colder as winter approaches. Many spent the summer in the country and are as tanned as nuts.

Canadians Disappointed

Few Federal projects that have ever been discontinued have occasioned the widespread disappointment that has been manifested from coast to coast in Canada over the sudden cessation of the influx of British children owing to the dangers of ocean travel. Each day's mail brings to the Government here hundreds of letters from families who cling to the hope that the children whom they were expecting to receive might have left the Old Land before the British Government halted the movement. The Federal authorities have no alternative but to announce to these homes the disappointment of their hopes—temporarily at least.

Out of well in excess of 100,000 offers of homes for little British evacuees, Government officials state, the supply of children has been sufficient to actually accept less than 7,500.

Of this total, only between 1,500 and 1,600 have reached the Dominion under the auspices of the combined Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada. The balance have arrived as a result of private arrangements between their parents and individual Canadian families.

It is characteristic of the spirit that has enveloped the whole movement that the young evacuees, even in the official language used in Government administration, are referred to as "guest children," not as refugees.

'New Odour' In Osaka Zoo

A chimpanzee in the Tennoji Zoo in Osaka has petitioned the authorities to have his foreign name "Lloyd" changed to a Japanese name more in keeping with the "new order in Asia" and the "new structure" in Japan, according to an article in the "Nichi Nichi."

The director of the Zoo has heeded Lloyd's appeal and has advertised for suggestions, the only requirement being that the name be 100% Japanese.

It appears that the chimpanzee created a commotion recently by suddenly appearing decked out in the new "people's uniforms' which ultra-patriots have recommended for each and every Japanese man, woman and child.

The article in the Osaka paper said that Lloyd was proud of his good fortune in being in Japan, regards himself a native son, hence wants to discard his foreign name for a purely Japanese name in keeping with the trend of the times.

Vichy Police Arrest 100 Soviet Agents

Vichy police acting to check the spread of Communist propaganda, have arrested more than 100 persons on charges of subversive activities, it was reported recently.

The arrests were made under the provisions of a Government decree dissolving the Communist Party in France and prohibiting propaganda.

World's Fair Closes: Seen By Record Crowd

The New York World's Fair, which ended recently, was seen by more people than any exhibition in history, and Americans will long remember it as an intimation of the brave new world of to-morrow to which they look forward hopefully but which seems to have been made incredibly remote by Germany's reversion to barbarism.

In the course of its two seasons the Fair has been visited by approximaety 55,000,000 people. The number who paid for admission is approximately 44,000,000 and is therefore well in excess of the two-year total, 38,626,000, achieved by Chicago's Century Progress Exhibition.

The financial side of the New York Fair, however, is not so bright. Its bondholders will receive a total for the two years of 38.4 per cent. of their original investment, but this causes little dissatisfaction, because 80 per cent. of the Fair's bonds are owned by the large exhibitors and concessionnaires, who feel they have got their money's worth.

Fair Grounds As Park

When the Fair's buildings have been demolished the ground will be transformed into a great public park which promises to be one of the city's brightest ornaments.

To guard against vandalism on the closing date 2,000 policemen and detectives were on duty to-day. To-morrow, though exhibits will not be open, visitors will be admitted to the grounds on payment of 10s. which will go to the American Red Cross.

Exhibits' Future

Many exhibits will remain in the United States. Thus the brilliantly coloured panels of the British Pavilion, showing famous coats of arms, are to be installed in the Library of Congress in Washington, which will also receive the genealogy of George Washington, tracing his descent from King John and the nine barons who signed Magna Carta.

The Lincoln copy of the Magna Carta will eventually be returned to England, but replicas of the Crown Jewels will be presented to the British-American Ambulance Corps to be taken on a nation-wide tour to raise funds for the Corps.

Exhibits in the Maritime Hall will probably be transferred to the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Virginia.

Fair Employees

The question of what will happen to the employees of many of the foreign pavilions is problematical, since they are either unable or unwilling to return home at this time.

A hundred Italian waiters now living on an Italian cargo boat off Philadelphia, are wondering where to go next. A bill which has been introduced in the House of Representatives would provide that foreign pavilion employees may become permanent residents of the United States.

Fighting Renewed Round Rich Ichang Port

CHUNGKING, Jan. 20 (Reuter).—A sudden flare-up of military activity around Ichang, resulting in fairly bitter fighting which is still continuing, occurred last week, according to Chinese reports reaching here.

The Japanese appear to have taken the initiative, some 5,000 of their troops from Lungchuenfu (east of Ichang) having advanced towards Lungwangtung, Sangchialing and Tutinai, supported by more than ten aircraft on January 16.

These forces, reports claim, were repulsed, whereupon the attack was renewed with reinforcements of over 20 planes on January 17.

Severe fighting followed. The Japanese are said to have suffered heavy casualties.

Ichang is the most important Yangtse port above Hankow and below the gorges. It gives access to the productive provinces of Hupeh and Hunan, where much rice and cotton are grown. Since its fall into Japanese hands, most foreign shipping on the Upper Yangtse has been idle for want of cargoes.

Canton-Samshui Train Wreck

SHIUKWAN, Jan. 19 (Central News).—A westbound Japanese troop train on the Canton-Samshui Railway met with disaster on January 18 when it struck a mine laid by the Chinese near Fatshan. The locomotive and three coaches were wrecked and many Japanese were killed and wounded.

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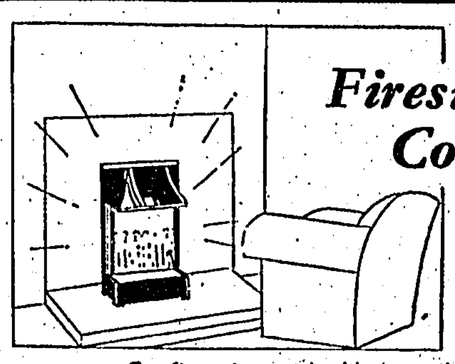

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Easy Victory For Sing Tao

Royal Scots Overwhelmed 5-1: "Hat-trick" For Lai Shiu-wing

(By "SCRAMBLER")

IN A DULL GAME, during which play was chiefly monopolised by Sing Tao, Royal Scots were defeated yesterday at Sookunpoo by five goals to one. The heavy conditions of the ground and the slippery state of the ball were not conducive to good football, but the Chinese were able to master conditions.

Stout-hearted Defence

Sing Tao fielded the same team that beat South China, and the machine-like movements of their forward line which were so much in evidence in their last game were again on view. The feature of the match was the stout-hearted defence of the Scots.

From the start there was only one team in the picture: Sing Tao settled down, and held a very firm grip on the play. Every man did what was required of him at the right moment and in the appointed place.

In the course of the whole game, Cheong Wing-choy had less than a dozen shots to deal with, and the only mistake he made was to allow a slippery ball to get past him. The pair of backs, Hou Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang, cleared and defended well, and their coverings of their front men were not only timely but well planned.

Again it was Sing Tao's intermediate trio that paved the way to an easy victory, where Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu and Soong Ling-sing dominated, and were always ready to lend a hand both in attack and defence. They allowed very little to get past them.

Sing Tao's quintette, Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kie and Ip Pak-wah indulged in some pretty movements, and whenever the wingers were on the move, they were dangerous. Both men sent across many beautiful centres, and played a very understanding game with their inside men. Fung King-cheung led his men well, and was the schemer in the forward line, often drawing the defence out to allp the ball to his inside men to score.

Scots Unsettled

THE Scots were unable to settle down to the conditions of the ground, with the result that Sing Tao had most of the game. Although they went very near on several occasions, the weak finishes of the forwards robbed them of at least two goals, yet at one period two shots which had the Chinese goalie beaten struck the upright and rebounded into play.

Bankier in goal gave a fine performance, and was instrumental in keeping the score down by timely judgment and daring saves. Naysmith and Fraser both cleared hard, but found the Chinese just that shade too fast and cunning for them. They had a lot of territory to cover, since their intermediate trio were unable to hold the nippy Chinese inside-forwards.

Parnaby was a tower of strength in the pivotal position, but despite his hard work, the middle line found the Chinese too good for them. Adamson and Clarke both had a great deal to do, and Clarke did not relish in the idea of keeping check on the fast moving Yeung Shui-yick whose centres invariably spelt danger.

Of the forwards, Marshall was the best, often going back to relieve when hard pressed, and at other times taking the ball up to his other forwards. He was not strongly supported by his other men, and Auld appeared to me to be too hasty in his stride. Both wingers were off colour, and were unable to put across any decent centres in the course of the whole game.

Never in Doubt

FROM the initial kick-off, the superiority of the Chinese were never in doubt, for from a sweeping movement along the left, Ip Pak-wah raced across to take a pot shot at goal. Bankier cleared and Kwok Ying-kie came up to score from close range. At the other end, a promising movement was nipped in the bud by Hou Yung-sang's timely clearance.

Sing Tao dominated play thereafter, and it was only the goal-keeping of Bankier and the fine play of the pair of backs that kept the score down. However the Chinese kept up an incessant attack, and Ip Pak-wah, obtaining possession, raced down to cut in and scored with a cross shot.

The Scots retaliated, and a shot taken by Marshall at goal struck the upright and went back to play. Again Bankier saved at the other end from the foot of Fung King-cheung, and with play transferred to mid-field, Sing Tao's halves were always the masters of the situation. From a well conceived movement initiated by their leader, Ip Pak-wah sent across to Lai Shui-wing who directed the ball into the net from close in.

Undeterred by this goal, the Scots alternated play with long passes, and it was from the foot of Marshall that they reduced the arrears when this player's first time shot at goal was allowed to slip in by Cheong Wing-choy.

Clever Movements

AFTER the change-over, Sing Tao indulged in some clever passing, and every one of their movements was very well conceived. Play was getting duller due to the one-sided play, but the display of Bankier in goal somewhat kept the spark of interest alive.

In the course of the second half, Cheong Wing-choy was rarely called upon to perform, thanks to the keen watch kept on the Scots' forwards by his front men. Although kept in their own half for the greater part of the game, Scots made several abortive spasmodic raids, and in one of their repulses, Yeung Shui-yick centred for Lai Shui-wing to score his second goal.

Thereafter, the Scots were content in keeping the Chinese out, although if Garrie had been able to dispose of the ball on more than one occasion, they might have been able to reduce the score.

Ip Pak-wah had only the goalie to beat when his shot struck the cross bar. Bankier did well to save immediately from the foot of Lai Shui-wing.

With play confined to the Scots' half, it was not long before Sing Tao scored again, as from another of those well-thought-out movements, Lai Shui-wing scored to complete his "hat-trick."

ROYAL SCOTS: Bankier; Naysmith, Fraser; Adamson, Parnaby, Clarke; Garrie, Marshall, Auld, Munroe, Swan.

SING TAO: Cheong Wing-choy; Hou Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kie, Ip Pak-wah.

League Tables

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China ..	10	12	2	2	46	19	26
Sing Tao	10	12	2	2	45	20	26
Eastern	10	11	3	2	51	27	25
Middlesex	15	7	2	6	33	35	16
Kwong Wah ..	10	4	4	8	37	45	12
Kowloon	12	4	3	5	19	25	11
Navy	14	3	5	6	30	39	11
Police	14	5	1	8	25	35	11
Royal Scots ...	14	3	2	9	23	27	8
Club	12	3	1	8	22	40	7
St Joseph's ...	15	2	3	10	17	34	7

Second Division

Engineers	15	13	2	0	73	14	28
South China ..	10	10	4	2	67	14	24
Middlesex	17	10	3	4	55	31	23
R.A.S.C.	15	10	2	3	72	25	22
Sing Tao	15	9	3	3	47	22	21
Navy	17	9	2	6	45	41	20
Royal Scots ...	16	9	1	6	43	27	19
30th R.A.	18	7	4	7	45	49	18
Kit Chee	16	7	2	7	34	47	16
Kwong Wah ..	17	5	3	9	27	45	13
R.A.O.C.	15	4	2	9	23	41	10
Police	17	2	1	14	22	71	5
Club	15	1	1	13	17	76	3
Kowloon	15	0	2	13	16	81	2

Third Division

R.A.F.	15	12	2	1	45	15	26
Signals	16	10	4	2	38	18	24
12th R.A.	17	8	5	4	41	25	21
36th R.A.	15	9	2	4	48	20	20
R.A.M.C.	15	7	2	6	29	42	16
24th R.A.	15	6	3	6	32	22	15
Engineers	15	7	1	7	30	27	15
7th R.A.	16	6	3	7	30	30	15
35th R.A.	13	5	3	5	26	29	13
International ..	14	5	2	7	29	28	12
20th R.A.	14	5	2	7	26	38	12
Shell	14	1	3	10	12	43	5
A.S.A.	14	0	0	14	5	62	0

Cricket

Best Week-end Batting And Bowling Feats

RAIN WASHED out several of the cricket matches over the week-end, but of those played, the following were the outstanding performers (L—League, F—Friendly):

BATTING

*E. L. Gosano (Rec.) L	81
M. A. Remedios (Rec.) L	44

* Not Out.

BOWLING

P. M. N. Silva (Rec.) L	6 for 18
Mazura (Univ.) L	4 for 15
S. A. Gray (K.C.C.) F ..	4 for 3
J. W. Bertram (K.C.C.) F	3 for 14

Easy Win For K.C.C. Over A British Ship

A TEAM from one of the British ships in harbour were entertained by the Kowloon Cricket Club in a cricket match yesterday. The home team had little difficulty in winning, but a most enjoyable game was had, despite the fact that rain held up the game until about 3.30.

Scores were:

Kowloon—111 for 6 wkts. dec. (R. J. Fenton 28, E. Curtis 24, L. R. Burch 20).

British Ship—88 (McGee 32, S. A. Gray 4 for 3, J. W. Bertram 3 for 14).

SCOTLAND V. WALES

One of the moments of action during the Scotland v. Wales International Tournament rugby match on Saturday. A. J. G. Taylor (Scotland) has just got rid of the ball before being tackled.—*Ming Yuen.*

WEEK-END GOLF COMPETITIONS

MISS SEQUEIRA WINS COUNTRY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

MISS A. SEQUEIRA, winner of the Ladies Cup, yesterday secured the women's championship of the Country Club, Sheungshui, beating Mrs F. E. A. Remedios 3 and 1.

Captain's Cup

First round matches in the Captain's Cup and the Men's Foursomes were also played and resulted as follows:

C. H. T. Suen beat M. F. Pinna 3 and 2.

K. T. Oei beat J. J. Basto 3 and 2.

A. W. Ramsey beat W. C. Hung 2 up.

A. R. Pinna beat B. Basto on the 19th.

T. Y. C. Lee beat E. J. M. Churn 3 and 1.

R. E. Lee beat C. H. Basto 2 and 1.

F. X. Silva beat Geo. Lee 2 and 1.

A. T. Lee beat A. A. Guterres 4 and 3.

Men's Foursomes

B. Basto and H. R. Pinna beat M. A. Simoes and W. G. Williams on a walk-over.

Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee beat C. H. Basto and A. A. Guterres 4 and 2.

J. J. Basto and A. R. Pinna beat F. X. Silva and M. F. Pinna 3 and 2.

W. Williamson and C. S. Thom beat C. E. Marques and B. Alves on a walk-over.

Junior First Round Matches At Fanling

First Round matches for the Junior Championship of R.H.K.G.C., Fanling, yesterday resulted as follows:

N. D. Lloyd beat L. Jackson 7 and 5.

D. J. Valentine beat J. Linaker 3 and 2.

F. A. Redmond beat Capt. Thursby 1 up.

S. L. Lloyd beat J. E. Richardson 6 and 5.

P. V. McLane beat R. D. Gillespie 6 and 4.

A. J. Dennis beat J. M. Thomson 3 and 2.

F. N. Merritt beat C. W. E. Bishop 2 and 1.

E. J. Price beat P. Morrison 2 and 1.

Armstrong Beaten On Technical Knock-out

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (Reuter).—Fritzie Zivic, World Welterweight Boxing champion, to-night successfully defended his title against Henry Armstrong, the former holder, who was technically knocked out in the 10th round of their scheduled 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden.

Armstrong, whose eyes were closed in the ninth round, announced after the fight, "My eyes won't hold up any more, so I'm through. I'm going into the wine business in California."

Henry Armstrong, who was the only boxer ever to hold three World titles simultaneously—he held the Feather-weight, Lightweight and Welterweight titles in 1938—was one of the gamest and most popular champions the world has ever seen, as shown by the record Madison Square Garden attendance of 23,190, while more than 10,000 intending spectators were turned away.

Zivic boxed very cleverly, mixing hard straight-lefts with wicked right-crosses and battered the gallant Negro to pulp. Zivic was complete master of the fight from start to finish.—*Reuter.*

Armstrong lost the Welterweight title in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden several months ago and took a terrible beating. He had to have 16 stitches for the cuts received in that fight.

Officials Elected At Chinese R.C. Meeting

The annual meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club was held yesterday.

The following officials were elected:—Messrs Yu Tak-cheung, Chan Wai-yeung, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Kwan-lam, Ho Ka-lau, Yu Tak-man, Siu Chun-chui, Wong Wing-man, Ling Sze-fan, Leung Ting-ngok, Tsang Yeung-fook, Wong Kwok-sau, Lam Yuk-ying.

This committee will hold its first meeting on January 30 at 7 p.m.

England And Scotland In International Final

Ireland Defeated 8-0: Wales Trounced 31-0

(By "Fly-Half")

WITH CONDITIONS IDEAL underfoot, and despite a slight drizzle which fell throughout the afternoon, some keen rugby was witnessed at Causeway Bay on Saturday when England beat Ireland 8 points (a goal and a try) to nil, and Scotland trounced Wales 31 points (two goals and seven tries) to nil in the International Tournament.

PLUCKY DISPLAY BY HOPKINS

THE GAME between Scotland and Wales was marked by a plucky and serviceable display by Hopkins, the Welsh full-back, and the bouts of inter-passing in which the Scottish backs and forwards joined in.

Hopkins fielded the slippery ball in masterly manner and never failed to find touch although he was generally bowled over by the hefty Scots forwards.

Richards was a strong inside three for Wales who did more than his share. Honeywell, though not featuring in attack, gained rounds of applause by his over-taking of Macdonald and tackling of the Scottish winger when well set for a score.

Stark, Hughes and Walkden were the best of a hard-going but weak Welsh pack, which was up against the strongest pack in the tournament.

D. H. Taylor, at full-back for Scotland, was seldom in difficulties. He made one blunder when he fly-kicked and missed the ball completely.

Delightful Football

The Scottish threes, once they had settled down produced some delightful football reminiscent of the days when Grieve, Bidwell and Stewart used to weave their way upfield by inter-passing.

Stewart, on Saturday, playing his first senior game locally, as an inside three, was not a success for the first fifteen minutes when he could hold no passes, and when in possession ran at half-speed to pass out before drawing his man.

Then he ran into form going full out for the line and gave Macdonald some grand openings.

McGill was dangerous and found little difficulty in handling the ball. Thomson and Aitkenhead were safe halves with the nippy scrum-half forever there when an opening presented or when a recovering had to be made.

Millar was a stalwart Scottish forward, joining in the passing of the threes as well as carrying on in good dribbles amongst the forwards. Ford established a monopoly of the ball in the set scrums from the kick-off and never lost it.

Sutherland appeared to revel in the loose play where he was generally the first to fall on the ball to stem a Welsh dribble.

The Game

A pass back to Douglass by McGill led to the first Scottish try, which Watson failed to convert.

In a boot and rush attack, Pinkerton went over for a try which Aitkenhead failed to majorise. Then McGill and Macdonald scored further unconverted tries.

In the second half, Stewart, McGill and Thomson scored further unconverted tries which were followed up by a try by Douglass which Millar converted.

Pinkerton completed the Scottish scoring with another unconverted try.

Scotland.—D. H. Taylor; McGill, Douglass, Stewart and Macdonald; Aitkenhead and Thompson; Watson, Ford, Macrae; Millar, Sutherland; Kennedy, A. J. G. Taylor and Pinkerton.

Wales.—Hopkins; Moore, Richards, T. D. Morgan and Bevan; Honeywill and Morgan; Palmer, Lewis, Stockham; Benn, Stark; Hughes, Walkden and Turner.

A dashing display by the Irish forwards in the loose, who were aided by Carter's touch-kicking, prevented the much stronger English side from dominating the game. Despite the fact that Burford gained possession repeatedly by excellent hooking, the English threes made little ground with the slippery ball.

Paul might have kicked ahead to more advantage instead of trying to break through on his own. Charter held the greasy ball well, and tackled Carter in grand style. Day and Marsh seldom received the ball owing either to a dropped pass by the insides, Coombes and Paul, or to their being grassed in possession.

Bowden did yeoman service behind the scrum although he dodged about too much before passing out.

Strong Pack

A strong English pack were not allowed to settle down through the forceful tactics of the Irish pack, who kept the ball amongst the forwards as often as they could.

The weaker Irish backs played pluckily and tackled well with Giblin the only one able to break through, Rutherford and Carter, Navy halves, by keen tackling, kicking and falling on the ball, kept a good grip on the game to prevent the English backs from getting the upper hand.

Up forward, the rugged Irish pack deserve comment for their whole-hearted display, especially Callinan, Dempsey and Hynes.

The Game

A break-away by Bowden and a good pass to the English threes gave Paul an opportunity of which he made good use. His try close to the posts was converted by himself.

After a series of missed opportunities by the Englishmen and many last minute clearances by the Irish team, Paul went through to pass to Day who scored at the corner. Paul failed to convert.

England.—Thompson; Day, Paul, Coombes and Marsh; Carter and Bowden; Manfield, Burford, Hearman; King, Bompas; Wright-Nooth, Hewitt and Needham.

Ireland.—Morahan; Jackson, Giblin, Mullen and P. Wilson; Carter and Rutherford; Page, Callinan, Dempsey; Hackett, Thornhill; Stout, D. Hynes and Mohan.

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Indian Views Harden Against Britain's Foe

LAHORE, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—A meeting of Sikh leaders from all over the Punjab—among them several members of the Shiromani and Akalidal—has passed a resolution to form a Khalsa (Sikh) Defence of India League to increase to the maximum the Sikh effort for the defence of India and to ensure the victory of Britain.

The Maharaja of Patiala will be the patron and General President of the League and Sirdar Raghbir Singh, of Amritsar, has been unanimously elected President.

The meeting has sent out a clarion call to every Sikh to enlist in the Army, Navy or Air Force so as to support Britain to the utmost of Shikh manpower, and also to maintain the Khalsa tradition of unswerving devotion to duty and strict discipline.

The Maharaja of Patiala, in a message to the conference, said: "We must implement the pledge of last August to the British Commonwealth to support and fight for human progress and, realising that it is our religious duty, we must carry out our plighted word to those who are fighting for ideals identical to ours."

Labour For Churchill

CALCUTTA, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The Labour leader, Mr M. N. Roy, addressing an anti-Fascist conference here to-day, said: "We must throw in our forces on the side of Britain because she is fighting for our interest.

"Mr Churchill, guiding the front rank fighters against the bulwark of world reaction, is a greater revolutionary force than all Congress leaders, Right and Left, put together, who are only obstructing that fight."

San Francisco Anti Nazis

Swastika Ripped Down

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The Police answered "riot calls" when several youths ripped the swastika from the flagstaff of the German Consulate here while a crowd of several thousands blocked the street outside the Consulate.

The flag was unfurled to celebrate the foundation of the Reich in 1871.

Earlier there had been a demand either to remove the swastika or to fly the Stars and Stripes alongside.

Regret Expressed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (UP).—The State Department has expressed regret to the German Embassy over the Swastika flag incident which occurred in San Francisco yesterday.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

Although buyers are not increasing their bids, dealings were recorded in practically all the popular counters, with interest well maintained.

Buyers

H.K. Banks $1,395
Bank of East Asia $75.25
Canton Ins. $210
Union Ins. $405
H.K. Fire Ins. $165
Whrves $96
Providents $5.65
Hotels $3.50
Trams $18.40
Star Ferries $62
Lights X. Rts $6.20
Lights Rts cls. .95
Electrics "O" $40.25
Electric "N" $40
Telephones "O" $25.25
Cements $19
Ropes $8.15
Watsons $10.80
Entertainments $7
Constructions "O" $1.60

Sellers

Trams $18.60
Lights Rts. $1.
Cements $18.20
Ropes $8.35
Watsons $11.15
Vibro Piling $7.70

Sales

H.K. Banks $1,405
Docks "O" $18.50
Hotels $3.55
Trams $18.40
Cements $18.20
Ropes $8.35
Watsons $11

Burma Rd Bridges Bombed

Sunday Attack By Japanese Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AN INDO-CHINA BASE, Jan. 19 (Domei).—Winging their way deep into Yunnan Province, a formation of Japanese naval bombers to-day bombed the new Kungkuo bridge spanning the Omchu in the upper reaches of the Mekong River.

The Japanese naval aircraft also subjected the tin refineries at Kokiu in southeastern Yunnan Province to severe bombing.

The new Kungkuo bridge is situated about 300 yards downstream from the original suspension span.

According to participants in the attack, hits were scored on the bridge supports causing extensive damage. The Chinese appeared to be relying upon rafts to ferry goods being transported on the Burma route, as both the Kungkuo bridges were apparently unusable as the result of previous bombings.

LETTERS

Reply To John Blunt

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Re. John Blunt's Article on Quo Tai-chi's protest to the Foreign Office, in your Saturday's issue, I find the author's reasoning illogical and inconsistent. He says that what Hongkong deems fit and proper is no business of Quo's, and in the next paragraph he says that Quo would be justified in protesting if he had reason to complain about the treatment of his countrymen in the Colony. Surely it does not require much reflection from anyone to realise that it is precisely because Quo thinks his countrymen are not being given a fair deal that he lodged his protest. No doubt John Blunt is not aware that it was agreed that Chinese subjects were to be permitted to have free ingress and egress without any passport regulations. Even though John Blunt may disagree, the Foreign Office apparently thought that Quo's protest had some basis for justification as they justified the action of the Hongkong Government by claiming that the Chinese representatives had agreed to the measure. It is outside the purpose of this correspondence to point out these representatives were not appointed by the Chinese people to represent them but are appointees of the Hongkong Government.

Thanking you for the valuable space in your paper,

Yours sincerely,
Y. Y. L.

Palestine's First Night Raid

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The first night air raid on Palestine occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning in bright moonlight.

Two hostile planes dropped bombs on open country in southern Palestine but no damage or casualties were caused.

This is the first raid on Palestine since Haifa was attacked by day on September 29.

Brief Greek War Communiques

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Jan. 19 (UP).—The War Ministry communique to-day read: "There were limited local actions. Numerous planes were overhead. Abundant war materials were captured."

The Ministry of Public Security reported: "All is quiet in the interior."

Petain Receives Pro-Axis Laval Into Favour Again

VICHY, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Marshal Petain received M. Laval yesterday and that all misunderstandings which led to the incidents of December 13, when M. Laval resigned from his post as Vice-Premier, have now been smoothed out.

Two Important Moves

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Two moves of possible far-reaching political significance were reported from Vichy to-day.

They referred firstly to the reported forthcoming meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, and secondly to a conversation between Marshal Petain and his former Foreign Minister, M. Laval.

A Berne dispatch to the "Havas" agency says that according to newspaper reports in the Swiss capital, Hitler has left Berlin for an unknown destination.

The dispatch adds that well-informed sources in Berne state that Mussolini has also left Rome.

Political Sequel

It is officially announced in Vichy that all misunderstandings which led to the incidents of December 13, when M. Laval resigned from his post as Vice-Premier, are now smoothed out. No further indication is given in official quarters concerning the subject of Petain's talk with Laval.

Observers at Vichy believe, however, states the "Havas" agency, that the meeting will have a political sequel shortly. The meeting took place in a chateau in the Allier Department.

Nazis Silent

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The German radio made no mention of any meeting having taken place today between Hitler and Mussolini.

Nothing Known

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in authoritative circles in London of any meeting between Hitler and Mussolini to-day.

Meeting Likely

ZURICH, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—The report originating in Rome press circles that Hitler and Mussolini are to meet in Germany to-day or tomorrow, is not confirmed from either Axis capital but political circles regard early renewal of Dictator conversations as probable in view of the changed situation in the Mediterranean after the sweeping Anglo-Greek victories.

The extent of additional help from Germany to her battered ally will doubtless form the basis of discussion.

The 18 cups, two shields, five medals and eight spoons which have been donated to the War Fund by Mr A. W. Salter and his son Mr C. L. Salter. Old silverware, jewellery etc., may be sent to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, J. Ullmann & Co. or Messrs. Sennet Freres, who will melt it down free of charge, and hand the proceeds to the Fund.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2⅞
Demand London	1/2⅞
T.T. Shanghai	430
T.T. Singapore	52¾
T.T. Japan	102½
T.T. India	82½
T.T. U.S.A.	23⅜
T.T. Manila	46¾
T.T. Batavia	43¾
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	101½
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	99½
T.T. Australia	1/6½

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3½
4 m/s D/P London	1/3⅝
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24¼
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84½
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03¼

Kowloon C.C. Win Week-end Bowls Matches

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB were successful in two friendly games of lawn bowls played over the week-end. On Saturday they engaged in a two-rink match with the United Services Recreation Club and won by 42 shots to 28.

Yesterday they beat a team from Lane, Crawford's 60-40.

Scores were:

V. UNITED SERVICES R.C.

A. E. P. Guest, R. T. Burch, R. Wellwood, H. Overy beat G. Navey, I. Newton, J. T. Smalley, J. Smith 19-17.

A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, A. W. Smith, J. Fraser beat P. H. Parks, C. W. Jeffries, B. D. Evans, H. H. Williams 23-11.

LANE, CRAWFORD'S

H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, A. Steven, L. Jack lost to E. G. Baker, S. Carr, T. A. Madar, E. C. Fincher 19-20.

E. R. P. Guest, S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, V.C. Labrum beat H. Burson, T. Edgar, A B. Hamson, A. W. Brown 27-10.

J. H. S. Duncan, D. Glover, N. A. E. Mackay, R. B. Wellwood beat H. W. Bonner, W. C. Ogley, G. Tanner, H. W. Randall 23-16.

RECOVERS FROM WOUNDS

Shanghai Man, Well-Known In Hongkong

His many friends here and in Shanghai will be glad to learn that Trooper Jack Sheridan of the 6th. Australian Cavalry, who was recently wounded in the fighting around Bardia, has now completely recovered and is back on duty at the Depot.

Sheridan comes of a well-known Irish family in Shanghai, who have been resident in the Northern port for many years.

It may be recalled that, shortly after the outbreak of the war, the Australian papers carried a story of Sheridan having walked a hundred miles through desert country to join up at the nearest recruiting station.

Softball

CARDINALS NOSE OUT PANTHERS

Much of the week-end Softball League schedule was washed out by the rain, but in the women's games there was much to interest. The match which had spectators on their toes was that between the Cardinals and the Panthers, the former nosing out the latter by 14-13.

Cardinals scored regularly through the middle frames, but with a tally of five in the sixth canto, Panthers drew up to within four runs of their opponents' total.

Then came the climaxing final inning. Cardinals were blanked, and Panthers started a run-getting spree that brought in three—but when one within the total lost their last man.

Scores were:

GIRLS

Wildcats 21, Rambleretles 6.
Wahoos 10, Las Florinhas 0.
Cardinals 14, Panthers 13.

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.F. 8, Liga Portuguesa 7.
Recreio Bees 11, Royal Engineers 6.

FRIENDLY

Canuckettes 7, Socony 7.
U.S.S. Mindanao 10, C.B.A. 9.

Winning Cash Sweeps At Macao

MACAO, Jan. 19.—The cash sweeps on to-day's races resulted:

Race No. 1

No. 135	$194.00
" 242	65.00
" 251	27.80

Unplaced ponies ($7.70 each): Nos. 243, 148, 277, 187.

Race No. 2

No. 220	$218.40
" 122	62.40
" 363	31.20

Unplaced ponies ($3.80 each): Nos. 149, 424, 14, 39, 223, 474.

Race No. 3

No. 7	$222.00
" 150	63.40
" 314	31.70

Unplaced ponies ($5 each): Nos. 74, 149, 330, 361, 125, 500, 65.

Race No. 4

No. 251	85.60
" 150	83.80
" 152	19.10

Unplaced pony ($21.20) No. 175.

Race No. 5

No. 24636	$8,920.38
" 20,111	2,548.68
" 14,752	1,274.35

Unplaced ponies ($128.72 each): Nos. 3542, 101, 13202, 3801, 14272, 12262, 23176, 23673, 13501, 17009, 6025.

Race No. 6

No. 40	$237.00
" 232	67.70
" 166	33.80

Unplaced pony ($37.60) No. 114.

Two Dead In Manila Fire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Jan. 19 (UP).—Fire destroyed a two-storey building housing four business establishments in Manila to-day.

A four-year-old Chinese girl, Felisa Tan and Indian salesman, Rai Basarmala, 22 years of age were killed in the blaze.

The loss of property and merchandise is estimated at 762,000 pesos.

Italian Control Measures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 19 (UP).—The Ministry of Currency and Foreign Exchange announced to-day that special measures will be adopted to aid in the control of Italian exports and imports for the purpose of guaranteeing payment for supplies of food and raw materials from abroad.

In this connection, the Ministry will be authorised to requisition all products destined for exportation as well as all raw materials needed for producing such products.

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Kennedy Says U.S. Aid Must Not Provoke War

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to Britain, said to-day that he advocated the utmost aid for Britain but this must not go to a point where war becomes inevitable.

If the resources of Britain were used up, he would prefer assistance to be given her by outright gifts.

He added: "Many Americans fear that Hitler will declare war on the United States if aid to Britain continues but to declare war is outmoded in these days of unbridled force. Hitler would declare war on the United States only when he thought such action was to his best interests, for the United States is certainly committed to acts sufficiently unneutral to justify a less despotic tyrant than Hitler in declaring war.

"It is not surprising that the American people desire Hitler's defeat, for he is attempting a decivilisation of the world in the name of Nazi pagan philosophy."

After Dunkirk

Mr. Kennedy declared that after the retreat from Dunkirk and the fall of France, English defences were in a deplorable condition but in spite of such handicaps, in spite of the fact that the conquest of the British Isles would have given Hitler the domination of Europe, the Germans had never been able to secure a foothold on that island.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

DONATIONS TO CHARITABLE AND OTHER CAUSES

A total of $1,840,570.74 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

P. R. C. Groundsman's Honorarium	$100
Pauline (fourth donation)	100
Wong Ngat Tong's Dinner	60
Betty and Bob	10
N. I. H. B. Sports Club	11.20
Harbour Office Nickels & Dimes (weekly donation)	3.15
Taikoo Dockyard "Spare Gear" (weekly donation)	18
"Oil Golf Birdies"	24
Anonymous	18
Former Pilot of Spitfire (Sundry coins)	.83
Miss Joan Challinor	10
For A Flag	4
P. S. S. Chicken Feed (weekly donation)	19.50
12th Coy. R.A.S.C. (Coppers for Bombers)	33.40

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children announce that the Friesland Trading Co., Ltd. have very kindly contributed the sum of $100 for New Year gifts to be distributed amongst the children under the care of the Society, on January 25 in the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.

The annual Flower Day of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, held on January 11, realised $4,153.69. The Committee express thanks to the following:

The Commissioner of Police, Public Works Department, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Peak Tramways, Hongkong Tramways, China Motor Bus Co., Kowloon Motor-Bus Co., the Hongkong Broadcasting Committee, Cheero Club, the Y.M.C.A., Chinese Y.W.C.A., and the local Press;

To Sir Atholl MacGregor for his eloquent broadcast;

Also to the following who assisted with the sale of flowers—Tung Wah Hospitals, Kwong Wah Hospital, Hongkong Sanatorium, Teachers Training College, La Salle College, St. Mary's Convent, Diocesan Boys' School, Holy Spirit School, Chun Tak Girls' School, Che Hang Girls' School, Tung Lin Kok Yuen Free School, Yik Chi Girls' School, Mei Wah Girls' School, Kwan Sah Girls School, St. Paul's Girls College, St. Stephen's Girls College, To Shuk Girls School, Yuek Chi Girls School, Maryknoll Convent, Holy Trinity School, All Saints Church School, Free Schools of the Confucian Institute, Free Schools of the Tung Wah Hospital, The South China Workshop for Refugees, Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association, Bank of Canton, Bank of East Asia, Y.W.C.A., Chee Kwong Club, China Emporium, Wing On Co., Sun Co., Sincere Co., Mrs Crawford, Mrs Crummelin, Mrs Muir, Miss P. Pritchard, Mrs Richardson.

DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE

The decree nisi granted three months ago to Mrs Janet Elizabeth Margaret Whitham in her petition for the dissolution of her marriage with James Percival Whitham, was made absolute by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court on Saturday.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks $	1,405 b.
H.K. Banks £	82 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	85 n.
Chartered £	8⅝ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23 n.
Mercantile, C. £	10⅞ n.
East Asia $	75¼ b.

INSURANCES

Cantons $	210 b.
Unions $	405 b.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H.K. Fire $	165 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas $	135 n.
Steamboats $	11 n.
Indo-Chinas P. $	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D. $	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	46/3 n.
Waterboats $	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves $	96 b.
Docks (old) $	18½ b. & sa.
Docks (new) $	18.10 n.
Providents $	5.65 b.
S'hai Dockyards $	36½ n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	16/3 n.
Raubs $	9¼ n.
H.K. Mines	1¼ cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel $	3.55 sa.
Lands $	34.00 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	14.70 n.
Humphreys $	7.95 n.
H.K. Realties $	3.85 n.
Chinese Estates $ x.d.	98 n.

UTILITIES

Trams $	18.40 b. & sa.
Peaks Trams (old) $	7½ n.
Peak Trams (new) $	3½ n.
Star Ferries $	62 b.
Y. Ferries $	24½ n.
China Lights c. rts. $	—
China Lights x. rts. $	6.20 n.
China Lights Rts. cts.	.95 b.
H.K. Electrics (old) $	40¾ sa.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	40 b.
Macao Electrics (old) $	17¾ n.
Macao Electrics (new) $	16¾ n.
Sandakan Lights $	11¾ n.
Telephones (old) $	25¼ b.
Telephones (new) $	10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	18.20 s. & sa.
H.K. Ropes $	8.35 s. & sa.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms $	19.20 n.
Watsons $	10.05 s.
Lane Crawfords $	9 n.
Sinceres $	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	39 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1.90 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. $	51½ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	205 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4%	97½ n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% (1934)	92¼ n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% (1940)	92¼ n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	42/47 n.
H.K. Entertainments $	7 b.
Constructions (old) $	1.60 b.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.70 s.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	7/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

Cricket Match Cancelled

It is announced that the cricket match between the Hongkong Volunteers and the Police, arranged for Sunday next, January 26, has been cancelled.

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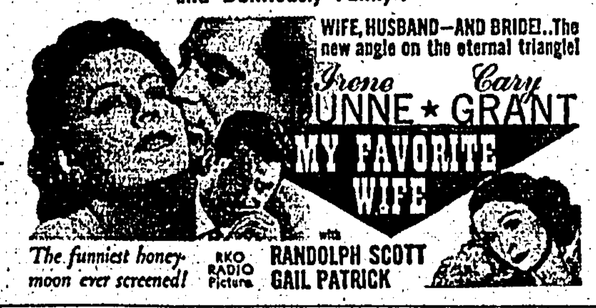

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Shortage Of Meat And Vegetables

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scarce owing to transportation difficulties and bandit activity.

To-day's Prices

The current average prices, per catty of various kinds of meat are as follows:—Beef, 75 cents; pork, $1.05; mutton, 95 cents; chicken, $1.50, ducks, 70 cents. These prices are approximately 20 percent. higher than the prices obtaining last week, although lower than in the middle of 1940 when prices soared to new high levels.

The normal daily consumption in Hongkong is about 250 cattle and 400 pigs. The new Territories cannot supply any beef or mutton, and can supply only about half the number of pigs required daily.

It is feared that there will be no supplies from Kwangchowwan before Chinese New Year, and only little from Chungshan, so that a real shortage is likely to occur.

Fresh British Successes

FROM PAGE ONE

the right flank of the Italian force holding Kassala.

R.A.F. Operations

CAIRO, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Tobruk, against which the R.A.F. resumed the air offensive on Thursday night, was again raided on Friday night.

A huge fire, states an R.A.F. communique, was caused near the petrol dumps. Other damage could not be observed owing to the weather conditions but all bombs fell well in the target area.

One Italian bomber was shot down by an Australian squadron.

R.A.F. operations in Italian East Africa on the same night included the bombing of a large transport yard in Assab, military buildings at Hargeisa in British Somaliland, an enemy camp five miles east of Umm Haggar, where fires were started, and of Asmara.

One British fighter failed to return from patrol in Libya.

JAPANESE SAID TO BE AIDING

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minence to stories from 98 Filipino survivors of three British vessels sunk by German raiders in the Pacific in December, stating that there are 12 German raiders in the Pacific and that 12 more are being fitted out in Japanese ports.

These survivors, landed last night, described the three raiders which they saw. They said that two are armed with heavy calibre guns and that any of the three could hold its own against a light cruiser.

The Narvik, a vessel of about 10,000 tons, was called a black ship without any identification marks, carrying 12 four and eight-inch guns with two torpedo tubes, two dive-bombers and three Heinkels. The ship is capable of 22 knots.

The survivors told vivid stories of their ordeal and said that they were well-treated.

Disguised Ships

The other two raiders were both disguised as Japanese and named Tokio Maru and Manyo Maru, of 10,000 and 5,000 tons respectively.

The Manyo Maru is also heavily armed while the Tokio Maru serves as a supply ship.

Soldiers Charged With Fraud & Damage

Two soldiers, Richard Head, 23, and Ralph Aldridge, of Nanking Barracks were charged before Mr E. Himsworth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning with obtaining credit by fraud and three charges of malicious damage.

On the first count, defendants were alleged to have obtained credit of $6.50 at the Kowloon Hotel on Saturday by taking drinks, sandwiches and cigarettes without intending to pay for them. They were further alleged to have damaged a wash stand basin to the amount of $25, a door ($10), and a padlock (20 cents).

Defendants denied all the charges and were remanded until Thursday when the case will be heard at 11.30 a.m.

Victim Of Gang

Thieves Work Boats

Arriving in Hongkong from the country on Saturday with $250, a woman, Wong Kit-fan, is now almost a destitute, all her money having been stolen.

Charged with theft of the $250 and with unlawfully boarding a vessel, Cheung Chau 37, unemployed, appeared before Mr E. Himsworth at Kowloon Magistracy to-day. He denied the theft but admitted the second charge.

Wong said that when she was on the gang plank of the steamer that had brought her to Hongkong from the country she lost $250. The defendant cut her jacket pocket while two of the men who were with him held her arms. The money stolen was handed to another man who ran away.

Defendant maintained that he did not know that the theft had occurred. He had gone aboard the steamer to remove some cargo.

Many Such Cases

After defendant had been convicted on the theft charge, Det.-Sergeant Bethell told Mr Himsworth there were a lot of these cases. Wong had received the $250 from her brother in Singapore and she was going there. Resulting from the theft, she was now left a destitute in the Colony.

Mr Himsworth ordered that $10 be given to Wong from the Poor Box and she was also informed that the Police would try to do something for her.

Defendant was sentenced to a total of six months' hard labour. He admitted two previous convictions for unlawful boarding.

LATE NEWS

Lamotte Piquet Sunk, Claims Bangkok

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Jan. 19 (UP).—The Thai High Command announced to-day that the Thai navy is at present carrying out operations to "destroy the Indo-China fleet."

Giving details of last Friday's naval battle, the communique stated that one French plane was brought down and three French warships sunk.

The communique declared: "If the French warships do not come to attacks us again we shall seek them out wherever they are hiding.

It was claimed that the Thai air force dropped 250 kilogramme bombs on the cruiser Lamotte Piquet and that the ship was sunk.

The communique said: "We are at present investigating to learn the Thai losses. The Government is well pleased with the Navy's and the Air Force's action."

It was further claimed that Thai forces "almost wiped out the French fifth division yesterday when the French advanced to close quarters where the Thai guns cut them down.

It was stated that the Thai guns took heavy toll until the French retreated out of range.

French planes raided Prachinburi, Chandaburi and "several other places" this morning, declared the communique, while the Thai air force carried out reprisals raiding the aerodrome at Siemreap and the military warehouses and barracks at Ream.

Prachinburi is 500 miles east of Bangkok.

Food Controller On Pig Shortage

Mr G. S. Kennedy-Skipton, the Food Controller, commenting upon the report of a shortage of pigs and cattle in Hongkong, and reported further restrictions imposed on exports from Kwangchowwan, stated this afternoon that the position with regard to the quantities of pigs in the Colony was a bit uncertain, but he believed new cargoes of pigs were expected before the Chinese New Year.

So far as cattle was concerned, he understood that the high prices demanded by the Kwangchowwan dealers were chiefly responsible for any shortage there might be in Hongkong. However, some shiploads of cattle were expected from Bangkok.

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THAILANDERS OCCUPY TOWNS

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French counter-offensive launched on January 15.

Sanguinary fighting took place on January 16 along the Poipet-Sisophon highway in Cambodia as Thai troops sought to advance eastward, while Thai aircraft bombed the Vientiane aerodrome on January 17. An artillery duel took place in the Savannakhet area.

French Communique

HANOI, Jan. 20 (Reuter).—"A Thailand advanced unit was dispersed east of Poipet by our motorised units," declares Admiral Decoux in a communique adding that on the Mekong River "we have entirely cleared the island of Donosanot, 45 miles south-east of Savannkhet."

"During Friday night our planes bombed Thasakon, Kemmarat and Namkhan."

A later communique states that on January 17, units of the French naval forces on a cruise in the Gulf of Siam encountered Thai ships, two of which were claimed to have been sunk and a third seriously damaged, without loss to the French.

French planes bombed an air field at Prachinburi, also hangars and barracks at Wadhama and Aranya, where large fires were observed.

Despite intense Thai anti-aircraft fire all French planes returned.

RAIDS ON BRITAIN

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grounded both the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe during the night.

Quiet Week-End

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Large numbers of raiders to-day approached a south coast town.

Incendiaries were showered on it but fire watchers and others were prepared and many fires were soon extinguished.

Coastal Immunity

LONDON, Jan 19 (Reuter).—There was little German air activity "round our coasts" during to-day, states the Air Ministry.

A single enemy bomber dropped bombs on an east coast town in the morning but the damage was little and casualties were few.

Bomber In Channel

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—After a quiet day, marked only by the shooting down by British fighters of an enemy bomber in the Channel, an alert was sounded in London some time after dark.

A burst of gunfire was heard soon afterwards but a quiet spell followed.

Enemy aircraft were reported near a west England town, a Midlands town and an East Anglian town to-night.

No Permit To Move Rice

For Export From Colony

Charged with moving rice by sea without a permit, Leung Chin, 36, a junk toki, was fined $20 by Mr E. Himsworth at Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Mr C. A. S. Russ appeared for Leung.

Sergeant G. David said that on Friday he boarded a junk in Causeway Bay and saw aboard 76 bags of rice, valued at $1,072. Defendant had no permit from the Controller of Food to carry the rice. He admitted that he was taking the rice to Shaukiwan to transfer it to a trading junk for export outside the Colony.

Mr Russ said that a toki had been sent to obtain a licence and in his absence the rice was loaded on the junk to be taken to Shaukiwan. The toki who had gone to the Imports and Exports Office had been told that the licence would be available to-day.

Mr Himsworth pointed out that defendant was not charged with exporting the rice but with moving it without a permit.

Mr Russ said that he was pleading guilty to a technical offence.

SPLENDID PRIZES FOR RAFFLE

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Silver "lotus" Centrepiece Mr J. I. Barnes;

3 bottles of wine, Anon;

Two prizes: Ladies Shoes, value $50 per pair (Gordons, Ltd.)

Three prizes: One Tavanne gentlemen's Chronometer; one Eterna do; one Election do; approx. value $100 each, (Messrs Ed. A. Keller & Co.)

One "Pilot All-wave Radio Receiver value $350 (The Hongkong Motor Accessory Company, Ltd.)

The wide and generous support which is being given to the raffle makes it evident that a very considerable sum will be raised to augment the War Fund for the purchase of bombers to be presented by the public of Hongkong to the British Government.

Attend "Funiety" And Help Bomber Fund

A repeat performance of "Funiety", a novel and highly successful variety entertainment given a short while ago, has been arranged to take place on February 1 at the China Fleet Club Theatre in aid of the South China Morning Post War Fund (Bomber Fund).

During the interval since Funiety last appear, rehearsals have continued and an entertainment of even higher standard than the first is promised.

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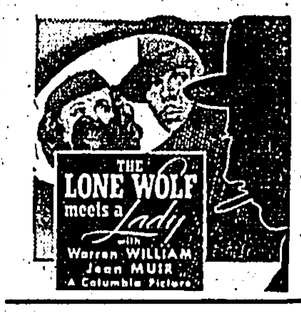

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Vichy Will Not Give In To Thailand Claims

VICHY, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—France is determined to defend the integrity of Indo-China, declares "Le Temps," commenting on fighting between French and Thai troops on the Indo-China border.

The newspaper declares that Thai's attempt to "realise her territorial claims" cannot be justified either historically or by legal right based on treaties, and adds that "Thai must not think that France, though conquered, will give up everything. Indo-China is being defended and will be defended in all circumstances, whatever they may be."

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